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Elise, R

Attached is the record, fingerprints, and photograph of an individual which Mr. Schilder believes to be identical with [redacted] the informant at Chicago whom Mr. Hoover was inquiring about today. Mr. Schilder stated that the identification is not certain, as yet, that he has forwarded a copy of the fingerprints of the attached together with a copy of the photo to Mr. Purvis at Chicago, in order that Mr. Purvis may possibly effect an identification. See the attached copy of a note from Mr. Schilder to Mr. Purvis which explains the above. b7d

In regard to the attached file, see Serial 485 which is marked. The individual mentioned therein as [redacted] is the same individual as the one whose fingerprints were forwarded to Mr. Purvis, as stated above, and is the same individual whose fingerprints are attached to this note.

Mr. Schilder asked that you be informed of the above and to be certain that I made it clear to you that until word was received from Mr. Purvis, the identification was not positive, but it was the closest Mr. Schilder could come to it from the information he had.

Respectfully,

CEK

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Serial 485

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April 10, 1934.

7-576-1690

Dear Mr. Purvis,

PR 20 1934

Confirming our phone talk of this evening, I am enclosing a copy of the photo, fingerprints and record of the person known as [REDACTED] who may be the person concerning whom you have inquired. The description shows on the back of the card, the most recent in our files. Of course, we are not sure that this is the man in whom you are interested - but the description, New Jersey "wanted notice" and names check. Steps will be taken here tomorrow to determine why the New York office requested this record in the Miller case and you will be advised further then.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

L. C. SCHILDER

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Official Business: Government Rate,  
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vestigation, U.S. Department of Justice,  
New York City.

1228 A.

Charge to the account of

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service  
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communication.

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

# WESTERN UNION

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

April 14, 1934

W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803 Postoffice Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota.



0 Brekid and Roy Frisch Kidnaping Graham and McKay and Attorney Taaffe  
left Newyork four fifteen this afternoon for homes Chicago requested  
cover there and Division and Saltlake advised.

Pay

cc Division ✓

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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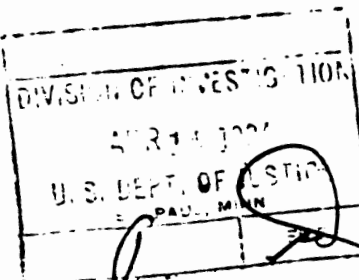
DIV INVEST ST PAUL 4-14-34 PM HVS

DIRECTOR

BREKID UNDERSTAND FRED BARKER OWNS A GARAGE IDENTIFIED IN ST PAUL AND  
USES THIS GARAGE WHEN HERE A GASOLINE STATION ADJOINS THIS GARAGE  
PLEASE ADVISE NAMES OF AGENTS QUALIFIED AS AUTO MECHANICS AND GAS STATION  
ATTENDANTS

CLEGG

END



OK RCV V VOVTCB MPLS ARE YOU THERU YES MINS PLS OK MIN

3 MINUTES

TKS *cc - file*  
*cc - Division*



P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
April 14, 1934



Inspector in Charge  
U. S. Immigration Service  
Douglas, Arizona

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward W. Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
L. A. File 7-42

Dear Sir:

This Division is making every effort to effect the apprehension of a number of individuals who are wanted on connection with very serious Federal criminal violations. I am enclosing photographs and descriptions of these persons, and earnestly solicit your cooperation in this endeavor.

I have information to the effect that some of these persons are endeavoring to reach Mexico, and, of course, in view of this, there is a great possibility that some of them may endeavor to pass through your port.

It is, therefore, suggested that all of the members of your command be made familiar with these photographs and descriptions, and should any of these persons appear in your jurisdiction, or persons whom you suspect are identical, it is respectfully requested that they be detained and this office immediately notified by telephone collect. The telephone number of this office is MUTual 2201.

The usual excellent cooperation you have accorded this office in matters of this kind will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

BES:AB  
Encs.  
CC Division  
Above letter also sent to:

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, U. S. Immigration Service, Nogales, Phoenix & Tucson, Ariz.  
Tecate, California.  
CHIEF PATROL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, U.S. Immigration Service, Calexico & San Ysidro,  
California.  
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, U.S. Immigration Border Patrol, Chula Vista, California

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# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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ST. PAUL, MINN.  
APRIL 18, 1934  
10:30 P.M.

R.E. VETTERLI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
318 HEWES BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.



BREKID FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS SAID TO BE IDENTIFIED TOPEKA KANSAS LAST  
NIGHT HEADING EAST IN GRAHAM SEDAN DARK GREEN OR DARK BLUE BEARING NINETEEN  
THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX DASH C DASH ONE EIGHT NINE VERIFY  
REGISTRATION ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTIONS AND ADVISE IMMEDIATELY

CLEGG

HHC:DLN  
CO: Division. *Send R. E.*  
Charge:  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Bldg. St. Paul.

*CC Linscott*

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
APR 18 1934 P.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Western Union

Division of Investigation

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Charge

NIGHT LETTER

J. A. Dowd  
Special Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
503-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Chicago, Ill.  
April 15, 1934

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Boy Frisch Kidnapping and Brekid Graham and McKay and Taffie  
an attorney left Chicago via Chicago Northwestern Overland Limited  
at Nine Thirty PM occupying Drawing Room A Car N Sixty Three  
arrive Reno Ten Twenty Five PM Tuesday San Francisco Eight Thirty  
AM Wednesday New York advises two return trip tickets to San Francisco  
validated and one trunk checked to Reno on Baggage Check Three Six Two  
Naught Eight Six Another trunk to Crockett California on check three  
six two naught six four

Purvis

TEB  
cc Division  
7-100

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

April 13, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 package of yellow corn meal made by Quaker Oats Co.  
1 ransom letter contained in package with the above.  
Ransom letter begins "Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John  
B. Brakeham) We now cancel previous instructions, etc".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: April 9, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

It is believed that the paper on which the letter is written is identical stationery with that used in the previous genuine extortion letters. The signature of E. G. Bremer is genuine but again shows that it was written under unusual conditions or else under agitation. It is possible that all of these signatures which show the nervous tendencies were written in automobiles. This particular paper is difficult to write upon with a pen which has a sharp point. The surface is not as smooth as some other papers.

The typewriting is identical with the previous genuine extortion letters in this case.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

3 - Director.  
2 - Inspector Rorer.  
2 - Laboratory.

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April 16, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

APR 20 1934

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1218,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.

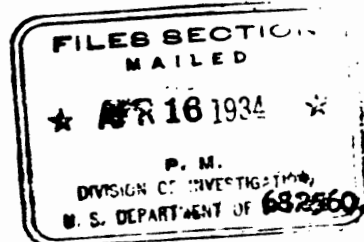
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division April 9, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



Enclosure:

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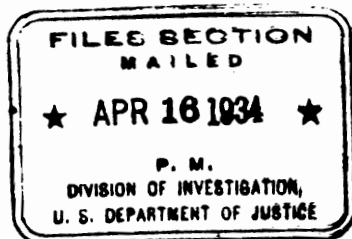
April 16, 1934.

Mr. Thomas E. Dahill,  
Chief of Police,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letters of April 6 and 9, 1934,  
in connection with the latent fingerprints submitted by your office  
as having been obtained at 93 South Lexington Avenue in your city.

The search of such of these latent fingerprints as could  
be classified through the single fingerprint file maintained in the  
Division which contains the finger impressions of reputed kidnapers  
and extortionists as well as many known gangsters, has been completed  
but no further identifications have been effected.

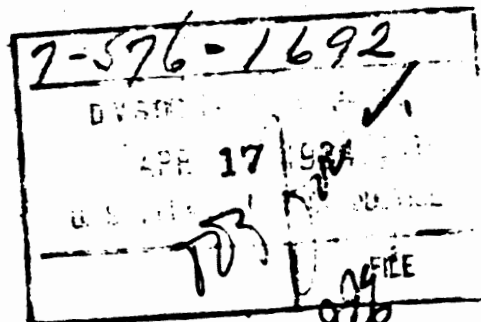


Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Inspector Rorer - St. Paul.

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DIRECTOR

SPECIAL AGENT S L FORTENBERRY DEPARTED 8 45 PM APRIL 13  
FOR RENO NEVADA UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT TO REGISTER AT EL CORTEZ  
HOTEL UNDER NAME OF F T BERRY  
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*Edward G. Bremer*

*Pl. C. C. H. a. p.*

*WRG*

*207*

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
April 16, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to Division communication dated April 13, 1934, please be advised that the photograph of one W. D. Pettijohn which was forwarded to this office by the Division March 13, 1934, was exhibited to the informant, [REDACTED] who advised that this photograph is identical with the Wilbur Pettijohn described to Special Agent R. C. Chapman of this office, as reflected in my letter dated March 2, 1934, addressed to the Division. In this connection it will be noted that the W. D. Pettijohn whose photograph was forwarded from the Division is Identification Unit #222-725.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Larson*  
Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WL:vss  
cc Mr. Rorer - St. Paul

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #1 Room 420  
1934.

To: Director  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Edwards  
Unit Two  
Unit Four  
Files Section  
Personnel Files Section  
Equipment Section  
Chief Clerk's Office  
Unit Five  
Identification Unit  
Statistical Section  
Technical Laboratory  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Cowley  
Mr. Little  
Mr. Lowdon  
Mr. Newby  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Stapleton  
Miss Gandy  
Miss Finnell  
Washington Field Office  
Stenographic Pool  
Secretary  
Correct  
Re-write  
Re-date  
See Me  
Send file.

*Be certain franked envelopes  
are not used in correspondence  
& that alias is used.  
Identity not to be disclosed.  
H. H. PEGG*

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #100 Room 418  
4-17-1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Two  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Four  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Statistical Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Baughman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stein  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographic Pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Correct  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-write  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-date  
\_\_\_\_\_ See Me

*Clegg*  
*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. CLEGG



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From Laboratory and  
Single Fingerprint Unit

419 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Appel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hince  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Pickering  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Renneberger  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Schilder  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief, Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Coffey } ✓  
Assembly }

please send  
me this folder.

E. P. Coffey.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From Laboratory and  
Single Fingerprint Unit

4/20 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Appel  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hince  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Pickering  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Renneberger  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Schilder  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Unit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographer  
✓ Mr. *Henry*

*How can this  
be? you may  
have the photostat.*

*EC*

E. P. Coffey.

3-28  
March 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 8, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al; Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

From the information appearing in the identification files of the Division it would appear the individual described as W. D. Pettijohn was received on November 3, 1933, in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve a sentence of 5 years, convicted of issuing fraudulent checks. Copies of the criminal record of Pettijohn who is Division No. 223723, are attached herewith for all offices which receive copies of this letter. The Kansas City office should determine whether this individual is at present incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

A photograph is transmitted herewith to the Detroit office in order that it may be exhibited to the informer at Cleveland, Ohio, to determine if he is identical with Wilbur Pettijohn described to Special Agent Chapman.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #689411.

Copies to:  
Mr. W. A. Rorer - St. Paul.  
Chicago.  
Kansas City.

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APR 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order  
1218; ARTHUR R. BAKER, with alias, Identification  
Order 1219; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Further reference is made to your letter dated March 2,  
1934, containing information submitted in a memorandum to you by  
Special Agent R. C. Chapman to the effect that he recently came in  
contact with one [REDACTED]

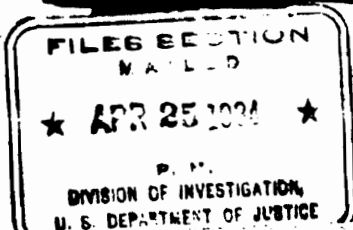
[REDACTED] had advised Agent Chapman that an in-  
dividual known to him as Wilbur Pettijohn appeared in Cleveland some  
time during December, 1933, driving a dark colored Buick coupe with  
a cream colored stripe, which car bore New York license plates, num-  
bers unknown.

Under date of March 13, 1934, the Division forwarded a  
photograph and criminal record of one Wilbur Pettijohn, Division  
#222725, and your letter of April 16, 1934, reflects that this photo-  
graph was exhibited to [REDACTED] who stated that it  
is identical with the Wilbur Pettijohn referred to in your letter of  
March 2, 1934.

Investigation by the Kansas City office, as reflected in  
the letter of that office dated March 27, 1934, addressed to the Division,  
a copy of which letter was furnished your office, reflects that Wilbur  
Pettijohn, as W. D. Pettijohn, #43800, was received at the State Peni-  
tentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on November 3, 1933, and is still  
incarcerated in that institution serving a sentence of five years for the  
crime of obtaining money by fraudulent checks, and that he will be dis-  
charged from that institution on June 13, 1936.

From the above information the Division cannot reconcile  
the statement [REDACTED] saw Pettijohn on the streets of

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SAC Detroit

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April 25, 1934.

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Cleveland during December, 1933, with the fact that Pettijohn has been in Missouri State Penitentiary since November 3, 1933. In this connection you are instructed to have an Agent re-interview [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining the correct information with respect to the presence of Pettijohn in Cleveland. A photostatic copy of Pettijohn's photograph is transmitted herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #554619

cc Mr. W. A. Rorer  
Kansas City



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #1 Room 418  
7-28-1934

To: Director 4-10-34  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Edwards  
Unit Two  
Unit Four  
Files Section  
Personnel Files Section  
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Mr. Stein  
Miss Gandy  
Miss Finnell  
Washington Field Office  
Stenographic Pool  
Secretary  
Correct  
Re-write  
Re-date  
See Me

*Has the attached yellow  
been answered? - See last P.*

*No record of  
last P. 4/1/B*

H. H. CLEGG

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From Laboratory and  
Single Fingerprint Unit

7/28 1934.

To: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Appel  
☐ Mr. Renneberger  
☐ Mr. Schilder  
☐ Chief, Unit 1  
☐ Chief Clerk  
☐ Files  
☐ Stenographer  
☒ Mr. Newby

was the Pettijohn  
tangle ever straightened  
out?

E. P. Coffey.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

L. A. FILE NO. **7-42-**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-13-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/4,5,6,9,10/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>G. J. Endres ES</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at news stands in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, fail to disclose that subjects are receiving St. Paul papers. No record of any motor vehicle registrations in the State of Arizona. Wanted notices placed on various cars and on names and aliases of subjects. Hotels, apartment houses, and garages checked without results. Photographs of subjects distributed to local authorities and to hotels at Phoenix, Arizona.

P.

**REFERENCE:**

Letters from the St. Paul office dated March 23 and 26, 1934; and letter from the New York City office dated March 23, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TUCSON, ARIZONA.**

Investigation at Rand's Smoke Shop reveals that St. Paul newspapers are not sold at this news stand. The clerk in charge advised that the former proprietor of the shop now operates the Post Office News and Cigar Store.

R. E. McAfee, proprietor of the Post Office News and Cigar Store, advised that he formerly operated Rand's Smoke Shop, at which time he carried the St. Paul newspapers. This was about three years ago. He advised that at the present, news stands he does not handle the St. Paul newspapers, but only handles the Sunday Edition of the Minneapolis Journal. He received two copies a week and does not know the customers.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-1695</div>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 Division 3 St. Paul 2 New York City 1 Chicago 2 Los Angeles		<div style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">APR 18 1934 A M</div> <div style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>ROUTED TO: </div> <div>FILE</div> </div>	
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Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were shown to him, and he recognized none.

Rubie McGovney and Dorothy Abbott, clerks in the Broadway Cigar and News Store at 101 South Sixth Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, advised that this store has not handled St. Paul papers since about a year ago. This store handles the Sunday edition of the Minneapolis Tribune. Only three copies are handled weekly and the customers are not recognized as members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

The above two news stands are the only news stands in Tucson, Arizona, that might handle St. Paul papers.

Photographs of the suspects in the instant case were left with Mark L. Robbins, Identification Officer of the Police Department, and Maurice T. Guiney, Identification Officer of the Sheriff's Office. Both advised that they would make numerous copies of this photograph and would distribute same to police officers in the city and county.

#### AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

Agent interviewed E. M. Whitworth, Superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Division, who caused a search to be made for the various cars mentioned in the reference letter from the St. Paul office dated March 23, 1934. The search revealed that none of these cars at present are registered in the state of Arizona. A wanted notice was placed with the Division of Motor Vehicles for these automobiles and wanted notice was also posted for the subjects with their various aliases.

Ferdinand Boss, proprietor of the news stand at First Avenue and Monroe Street, advised that he does not handle the St. Paul Daily or Sunday papers and at the present is receiving only one copy, daily and Sunday, of the Minneapolis Journal, which copy is received by a winter visitor in Phoenix.

L. B. Jennings, Clerk in the San Carlos Hotel, searched the records of that hotel, and then advised that Ben Feingold occupied room 216 of that hotel from January 17 until March 7, 1933. A search of the local and long distance telephone records maintained by the hotel disclosed that Ben Feingold had no long distance telephone calls from the hotel during that period, and further disclosed that he had only three local telephone calls to business establishments.

Mr. Jennings recalled that Ben Feingold had stayed at the hotel during the above mentioned period, but that he had no frequent visitors and no apparent friends. He stated he believes that Ben Feingold was in Phoenix for his health. Mr. Jennings referred agent to two Jewish guests of the hotel who were residing at the hotel during the period in which Mr. Feingold was a guest. Both of these Jewish guests advised that they had had no contacts with Mr. Feingold and could not offer any information concerning his business or social activities. Mr. Feingold has not been a guest of the hotel since March 7, 1933, and left no forwarding address.



Agent contacted N. W. Matlock, Chief of Police, and J. J. McGrath, Chief of Detectives. Mr. Matlock ordered that numerous copies of the photograph of suspects be issued to detectives and members of the police department.

B. O. Smith, Identification Officer of the Sheriff's Office, was provided with a copy of the photograph and Chief Criminal Deputy Cal Boise advised that more copies would be made and distributed to deputy sheriffs.

Agent, together with City Detective Harry Diehl and H. V. Petersen, Special Agent of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, checked all the storage garages in Phoenix, Arizona, without success.

Check was also made and a photograph left at the five leading hotels in Phoenix, and a check was made at numerous apartment houses without successful results.

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**Form No. 1**

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Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, March 27, 1934, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois, in care of A. Kirsik.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, March 30 P.M., from F. C. Underling, 1511 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, April 2, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, in care of A. Kirsik.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, April 2, return address Printed Book View Trust and Savings Bank, 1111 and Belmont Avenues, Chicago.

Letter to Mr. J. T. Murphy, postmarked Chicago, April 6, return address Mrs. M. Clark, 5047 South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois. Further portion of return address not legible.

Lee M. Paschall, Manager of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that there was no telephone listed in the name of Murphy or any other name at 533 West Willetta Street, for the winter of 1931-32 or 1932-33. He further advised that there is no unlisted number for 1817 Palcroft Way, N.E.

Agent made various efforts to contact J. T. Murphy, Realtor, at 30 East Monroe Street, without success.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Phoenix, Arizona, will report further results of mail cover placed on Post Office Box 465, Phoenix, Arizona, and will also make further attempt to interview J. T. Murphy and ascertain from him any knowledge he may have of the activities of M. J. Murphy.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

New York City, New York  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Ave.,

April 17, 1934



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Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.C. No. 1218, et al, Kidnaping (Edward George Bremer, Victim) and to my letter of April 2, 1934 and March 26, 1934, as well as to Division letter of March 28, 1934 concerning my conference with [redacted] today called at this office and informed me that [redacted] had just returned from Dannemora Prison where [redacted] had conferred with Leon Kraemer. [redacted] related that as a result of talking over the proposition of having Mr. Nathan interview Kraemer under cover, he decided that it would be better to have Mr. Nathan visit Dannemora as a representative of this Division in connection with a possible deportation proceedings inasmuch as Kraemer is not a citizen of the United States. He suggested further that several other prisoners be interviewed for the same purpose at that time - possibly two prisoners before him and one or two after his interview so as not to arouse any unusual suspicion.

[redacted] related that [redacted] was unable to talk freely because of the fact that a guard was sitting very close to them. [redacted] stated that Kraemer has some very important information which he wants to disclose to Mr. Nathan and [redacted] desires that Kraemer be interviewed at the earliest possible date. No mention was made [redacted] of accompanying Mr. Nathan to Dannemora as heretofore suggested and I inferred that it would be perfectly agreeable to have Mr. Nathan conduct his interview with Mr. Kraemer alone as [redacted] told me that Mr. Kraemer has a description of Mr. Nathan and would know if anyone were being substituted for him. I, of course, told [redacted] that we were not accustomed to function in that manner and that unless [redacted] were advised to the contrary, no one from this Division other than Mr. Nathan would interview [redacted] at Dannemora.

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Director,  
Washington, D.C.

April 17, 1934

I shall await further instructions from the Division.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*  
F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

FXF:VC  
cc: Insp. Rorer,  
St. Paul

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

Chicago FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-18-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-4-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A.E. SHERNEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><b>Lightmaster pocket lantern involved in this case not carried in stock by Sears Roebuck and Company store at West Allis, Wisconsin. J.F. Lantz, Manager, and other employees, examined photographs of Lightmaster pocket lantern, and of suspects in this case, and state they have not sold pocket lanterns or flash lights to these suspects, or to any persons of a suspicious character.</b></p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p><b>P.</b></p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.B. Nathan, New York City, dated 2-16-34.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. J.F. Lantz, Manager of Sears Roebuck &amp; Company retail store located at 7235 West Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin, examined the photograph of the Lightmaster pocket lantern involved in this case, and referred to catalog No. 20D1781 for a full description of the light in question. He advised that the store does not carry this particular pocket lantern, and never has during the 2 1/2 years the store has been open; that they do carry in stock the 2 cell Lightmaster Senior lantern, which is catalog No. 20E1782. Mr. Lantz advised that only a few of the 2 cell lanterns had been sold since the first of this year.</p> <p>Mr. Lantz examined carefully the photographs of Mrs. Catherine Barker, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell, and stated that he did not recall ever</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <b>M. H. Quinn</b> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<b>7-576-1698</b> UNITED STATES <b>APR 18 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>FILE</b>	
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having sold a pocket lantern or light of any description to any of these parties. He also stated that he did not recall any sales made to persons of suspicious character, or to any person he knew or thought to be connected with gangsters or the criminal element.

The photographs were also exhibited to H.P.Zastrow, H.A.Sommers and A.E.LeClaire, who constitute the entire sales force of the store. These parties could not identify the photographs as being those of persons whom they had seen in the store or to whom they had sold pocket lanterns, or lights of any description. These parties also stated that they do not recall having made sales of lights to any persons of a suspicious character, or who might be connected with the underworld element.

Mr. Lantz advised that the store did not equip any flash lights or lanterns with red lens, and no one had ordered lights to be provided with red lens.

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COPY OF TELETYPE MESSAGE TO CHICAGO  
DIVISION OFFICE

ST PAUL DIV INVEST 4-15-34

PURVIS CHICAGO

KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVICE RECEIVED FROM SHERIFF TOPEKA KANS THAT FRED  
BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS IDENTIFIED LAST NIGHT HEADING EAST IN GRAHAM  
SEDAN BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE TAG 6 DASH C CASH 189 IDENTIFICATION  
SAID TO BE POSITIVE TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION THERE AM WIRING SAN FRANCISCO  
OFFICE FOR IDENTITY REGISTRATION

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JULIUS L. FREDERICK, ELTC.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with alias, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with alias, I.O. #1219, ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to letter emanating from this office to  
your office under date of April 12, 1934 relative to information  
received from Salem, Arkansas and Thayer, Missouri.

Please be advised that I am now in receipt of a letter  
from Sheriff J. C. Lindley, Sheriff of Oregon County, Missouri  
wherein he advises that the Chevrolet car which is mentioned in  
the fourth and fifth paragraphs of my previous letter was a 1934  
model four-door, black in color with red wheels, motor #4004660,  
Serial #3-DA02-3351.

Very truly yours,

L. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - 2 St. Paul  
cc - Division  
cc - File 7-37  
cc - File 62-760

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Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-a U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218, et al. EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30

Dear Sir:

With reference to report of Special Agent A. E. Gere, dated April 2, 1934, Salt Lake City, bottom paragraph on page 2, wherein the parenthetical statement is made that Volney Davis is described as being 41 years of age. For your information, Volney Davis is described as being 31 years of age. A description follows:

Name:	VOLNEY DAVIS
Age:	31 years
Height:	5 feet 8-3/4 inches
Weight:	123 pounds (1925)
Build:	slender
Hair:	light chestnut
Eyes:	blue
Complexion:	fair
Occupation:	Printer
Nationality:	American
Police Number:	12808, State Penitentiary McAlester, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

WAR:EM  
CC Division; Los Angeles;  
San Francisco; Dallas; Detroit;  
Cincinnati; New York; Kansas City;  
San Antonio; Portland; Oklahoma City

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector

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318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

WRR/AF,  
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April 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 836,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al;  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent William R. Ramsey, San Francisco, dated April 4, 1934, in which it is noted that the State Agricultural Border Quarantine Stations are cooperating in connection with search for instant suspects.

A letter has been recently received at this office from Earle M. Swift, Supervising Quarantine Officer, State of California, Department of Agriculture, Sacramento, California, in which he has furnished this office with a list of border quarantine stations in the State of California. Photographs have been forwarded by this office to all of these stations within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Division Office.

For any value it may be to you, Mr. Swift indicated the following quarantine stations in the Los Angeles district:

Rhythe Station

H. C. Greminger,  
Senior Quarantine Inspector,  
Rhythe, California.

Station located 4 miles east of  
city of Rhythe, Riverside Co.,  
California.

Fort Yuma Station

W. R. Quick  
Senior Quarantine Inspector,  
Yuma, Arizona.

Station located on the California  
side of the Colorado river in  
Imperial Co., opposite city of  
Yuma, Arizona.

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Yermo Station

B. J. Gabbart  
Senior Quarantine Inspector  
Yermo, California,

Located 2½ miles east of town of  
Yermo, San Bernardino Co., California.

Daggett Station

F.D. Storms  
Senior Quarantine Inspector  
Daggett, California

Located at Daggett, San Bernardino  
County, California.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Montgomery, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge,

✓ c.c. Division

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518 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

REU/AP.  
7-33

April 18, 1934.

Mr. H. H. Clegg, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your telegram of the 15th and to  
my telegram of today:

State motor vehicle records reflect California 1934  
license No. 6-C-189, was issued Feb. 1st to Mrs. L. B. Decker,  
Felton, California, for Ford Coupe, 1925 model, motor No. 1203064.

Through Sheriff A. T. Dresser, Santa Cruz, California,  
it has been ascertained that Mrs. Decker is an elderly lady, who  
lives with her daughter, Mrs. Hollenbeck, at Felton, California;  
that the family are old residents of good reputation.

Sheriff Dresser also advises that Mrs. Decker gave this  
car to her son, William Munfort, Winton, California, who is supposed  
to have the car in his possession. As Winton is in the Los Angeles  
district, I wired full information to that office, requesting they  
check the car, also Munfort, and wire developed information to you.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Montgomery, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Los Angeles.

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TELEGRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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Phone	
Transmitting Time	

Send the following Message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Los Angeles, Calif. April 16, 1934

Inspector Clegg  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building  
St. Paul, Minn.

0 BREKID REFERENCE YOUR WIRE EVEN DATE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE RELATIVE CAR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX C ONE EIGHT NINE STOP SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES THAT LICENSE ISSUED TO MRS L B DECKER OF FELTON CALIFORNIA FOR NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE FORD COUPE MOTOR TWELVE NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT SIX FOUR AND THAT SHE IN FEBRUARY GAVE CAR TO SON WILLIAM MUNFORD RESIDING WINTON CALIFORNIA STOP AM ADVISED BY SHERIFF AT MERCED THAT HIS DEPUTIES HAVE PERSONALLY CHECKED AT WINTON AND FIND NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE FORD COUPE AS DESCRIBED NOW THERE WITH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LICENSE PLATES SAID CAR AND PLATES HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY IN POSSESSION OF LABEL MUNFORD DAUGHTER OF ORIGINAL REGISTRANT SINCE FEBRUARY LAST

CHARGE GOVT RATE  
Div. of Inv. 617 Fed. Bldg.  
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# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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San Francisco, California.  
April 16, 1934.

J.E.P. DURN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
617 FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA.

BREKID FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM CLEGG ST. PAUL QUOTE BREKID FRED BARKER AND ALVIN KARPIS SAID TO BE IDENTIFIED TOPEKA KANSAS LAST NIGHT HEADING EAST IN GRAHAM SEDAN DARK GREEN OR DARK BLUE BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX DASH C DASH ONE EIGHT NINE VERIFY REGISTRATION ADDRESS AND DESCRIPTIONS AND ADVISE IMMEDIATELY UNQUOTE LICENSE SIX C DASH ONE EIGHT NINE ISSUED TO MRS. L. B. DECKER FELTON CALIFORNIA FOR NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE FORD COUPE MOTOR ONE TWO NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT SIX FOUR WHO FEBRUARY LAST GAVE CAR TO HER SON WILLIAM MUNFORD WINTON CALIFORNIA STOP CHECK CAR MUNFORD WIRE CLEGG.

✓ c.c. Division

Charge Govt. rate  
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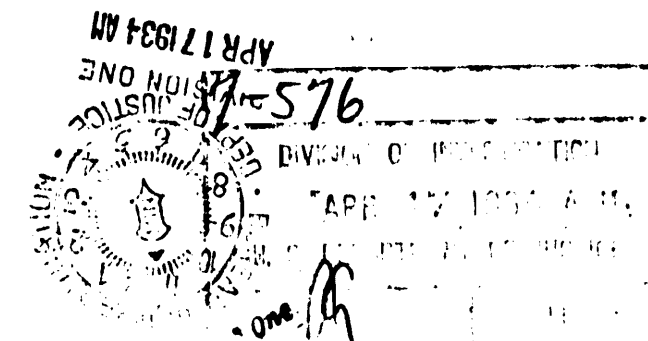
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILL

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Justice, New York City.

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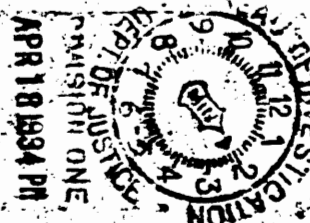
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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 16, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

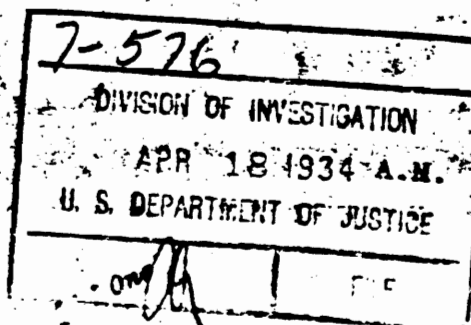
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I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

In keeping with request contained in  
telegram of even date from your office, I am en-  
closing herewith a copy of the report of Special  
Agent T. E. Billings, dated March 13, 1934, at  
Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the above  
entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

TAB:DMH  
CC:Division  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge



APR 21 934 AM

Des Moines, Ia.  
April 16, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, et al  
Edward G. Bremer - victim  
Kidnaping, K.C. 27-57

Dear Sir:

Referring to our telephone conversation, Myrtle Eaton is the former wife of Clarence "Doc" Eaton, former lifer at the Minnesota State Penitentiary. "Doc" Eaton is reliably reported as operating a night club at Burlington, Wis. He is using the name of Hubbard, and his club is said to be almost directly across from the Police station.

Doc Eaton had a brother by the name of "Candy" Eaton, now dead, but his wife, Winnie Eaton is living here in Des Moines with a former associate of her husband, Chuck Conlin, at 2706 S.E. 6th Street. They have a confectionary store and cafe at 625 Grand Avenue and Winnie is reported to have money invested in a chicken shack known as the American Beauty Lunch, at SE 6th St. and Indianola Road. This place is operated for her by a woman known as Binnie Burns.

There is another brother Charles Eaton who resides on S.E. 14th Street, just north of Hartford St.

Myrtle Eaton during the time Doc Eaton, her husband was in jail, was playing around with Andy Rothmeyer, a lins Andy King, but since he has been out, Rothmeyer has been playing around with Daisy Reynolds, said to be the former wife of John Waters, alias Go-About-Riley. I was told today that Myrtle Eaton is now married to rather a nice chap in St. Paul who has a legitimate business there. When she comes to Des Moines she generally visits her sister Winnie Eaton, and it will not be hard to learn if she is in town.

Regarding Park Findley, he is at present at Hot Springs, Ark. recuperating. It was reported to me quite some time ago, that Findley was playing around with Myrtle Eaton, but I am inclined to believe that this was erroneous, and that the woman in question was Daisy Reynolds alleged former wife of Go-About-Riley. I do very little work with Findley's Bureau, so we have little to worry about here. Most of my work is with the Police Department, and Chief of Police Alber has assigned two or three men whom I can work with on nearly all matters. They make most of the night spots, and anything that comes to their attention is reported to me. Should I get a report that Myrtle Eaton is in town, I will "hold" her until you arrive.

Very truly yours,  
O. C. Dewey.

cc - Division

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803A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 16, 1934.

APR 20 1934 AM  
AIR MAIL  
R.E. Vetterli,  
General Delivery,  
Reno, Nevada.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
ROY J. FRISCH - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - 7-35.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - 7-37.

Dear Sir:

The following is a copy of a telegram received at this office at the opening of business on April 16th, 1934. This message was transmitted from Chicago, Illinois on the night of April 15th, 1934, via night letter form.

"CAL 77 GO GOVT HL-CHICAGO ILL 15. 1934 APR 15 PM 10 25  
J.A. Dowd. DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 503-A U.S. COURT HOUSE & P.O.  
BLDG SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

ROY FRISCH KIDNAPPING AND BREMER GRAHAM AND MCKAY AND TAAFFE  
AN ATTORNEY LEFT CHICAGO VIA CHICAGO NORTHWESTERN OVERLAND  
LIMITED AT NINE THIRTY PM OCCUPYING DRAWING ROOM A CAR N SIXTY  
THREE ARRIVE RENO FIVE TWENTY FIVE PM TUESDAY SAN FRANCISCO  
EIGHT THIRTY AM WEDNESDAY NEW YORK ADVISES TWO RETURN TRIP  
TICKETS TO SAN FRANCISCO VALIDATED AND ONE TRUNK CHECKED TO  
RYNG ON BAGGAGE CHECK THREE SIX TWO NAUGHT EIGHT SIX ANOTHER  
TRUNK TO CROCKETT CALIFORNIA ON CHECK THREE SIX TWO NAUGHT  
SIX FOUR. FURVIS."

I hesitated to transmit this information to you by telegraph or telephone, fearing some possible leak. By forwarding this letter to you via airmail, and depositing it in the local post office prior to 10:30 AM today, I find that it will leave here at 11 AM and will arrive at Reno, Nevada, early on the afternoon of April 16, 1934, which will afford sufficient time prior to the arrival of these persons at Reno, Nevada, for you to set up any plan for their further investigation as you deem necessary. From this wire it would appear that some person, other than Taaffe, probably

intends to proceed to San Francisco since two tickets were validated for San Francisco, and only one trunk was checked to Reno. It may be that either Graham or McKay, or both, intend to proceed to San Francisco, and I respectfully suggest that you direct such lead to the San Francisco Division office as you deem necessary in this regard.

I telegraphed you today that an airmail letter was being forwarded to you at Reno, Nevada, today.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

P.S. Subsequent to writing this letter, a list of telephone calls made by J.C. McKay, W.J. Graham and John Taaffe, from New York City, was received. I submit this to you for consideration and study, and if you believe any of these telephone calls are worth of further investigation, I respectfully suggest that you submit instructions to the proper field offices. Please return this list as it is the only copy I have, and belongs to the file in the Alvin Karpis case.

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JAD:J  
cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul.

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith

These for your attention.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
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April 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Fay called from New York City on the night of April 16, 1934 and advised that Walter Winchell had given him information to the effect that Basil Gallagher, also known as "Red Gallagher", a reporter on the Indianapolis Times, had just completed a book on the life of Dillinger. The book is right up to date, including Dillinger's raid on the Warsaw, Indiana Police Department. In a confidential note which Winchell received from Gallagher, along with the book, he advised that Dillinger gave \$45,000 to obtain the release of Pierpont, Mackey and Clark, and that he plans a series of raids on banks in and around St. Paul and in the middle west. He also plans to raid certain police arsenals in order to get bullet-proof vests, machine guns, etc. for the Barker-Karpis gang, which is mixed up in the Bremer case. Dillinger, according to the information plans to join Barker and Karpis. Winchell advised that Gallagher was formerly employed on the "Old World" in New York and when the paper failed he went to Indianapolis and has been working for the Times since that time. Mr. Winchell was of the opinion that Gallagher probably had several confidential informants working for him in Indianapolis, who might have information concerning the whereabouts of Dillinger. Mr. Winchell suggested that a Division Agent contact Gallagher for any information he may have and suggested that Mr. Winchell's name be used in contacting Gallagher but that the information contained in the confidential note be not disclosed. Accordingly, I called Special Agent Bliss Morton at Indianapolis, in the absence of Mr. Connelley, and requested that he contact Gallagher for any information he might have.

Respectfully,

S. P. Connelley

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 518,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING

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Reference is made to your letter addressed to this office under date of March 15, 1934 wherein you request an interview with Wallace Bond at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, relative to information obtained by Mr. Bond from Jack Wilson, an inmate of the penitentiary, to the effect that Volney Davis was in St. Paul, Minnesota about two months ago. You also request that an effort be made to ascertain how Wilson knew that Davis was in St. Paul. Please be advised that Special Agent G. H. Franklin of the Oklahoma City Office interviewed Mr. Wallace Bond, Superintendent of Industrials, at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and Mr. Bond advised that Jack Wilson is a clerk in his office, and that Wilson informed him, Bond, that one Frank Hadley, alias "Red" had received a telegram about three or four months ago from some attorney, and in this telegram Hadley was informed that Volney Davis was in St. Paul, Minnesota at that time, and that Davis was endeavoring to raise money to secure a parole for Hadley. Wilson reported that Hadley was a close friend of Davis. Hadley died at the penitentiary about two months ago.

In an effort to trace the telegram reported to have been received by Frank Hadley at the penitentiary, Special Agent Franklin interviewed Mr. Bumgarner, Manager of the Western Union office at McAlester, Oklahoma. Mr. Bumgarner searched his records as far back as the middle of January, 1934, but was unable to find any record of a telegram addressed to Hadley. Mr. Bumgarner advised that the Western Union office at McAlester did not begin to retain copies of incoming telegrams until about the middle of January, 1934. The records at the Postal Telegraph Company, McAlester, Oklahoma, were searched for a period of six months back, and no record was found there of a telegram addressed to Hadley.

Mr. Jess Dunn, Assistant Warden at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, advised Agent Franklin that if a telegram was received by Hadley at the prison, it would be placed on file in the prisoner's jacket. Mr. Dunn also advised that some of these files were destroyed the first of the year, that is, the files of deceased prisoners. Mr. Dunn is making an effort to determine whether or not the file of Hadley has been destroyed, and if not, he will forward to the Oklahoma City office all telegrams and other pertinent information contained in this file.

On March 29, 1934, Mr. Bond forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office a typewritten note handed to him by Jack Wilson, the prisoner. This note is as follows:

"Upon leaving the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, Volney Davis joined Doc and Freddy Barker, proceeding at once to Los Angeles, California. There they engaged in 2 gun battles with police operatives. This is the point where Volney Davis was lost track of, but a few months later, he effected the escape of Edna (last name unknown) from the Missouri State Penitentiary for women. This woman was known as the Kissing Bandit, convicted in Kansas City, Missouri for highway robbery and sentenced to the State Penitentiary for twenty five years. She is now at large and supposed to be in company with Volney Davis. This woman is a friend of another woman by the name of Doris (last name unknown) who lives, or lived at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, this latter woman once being the sweetheart of Frank Hadly, friend of Davis. These two women are supposed to be with the above mentioned men at this time. Volney Davis is known to have been in, or near the vicinity of Saint Paul, Minnesota for the past six months. He has contact with a lawyer at Leavenworth, Kansas. This lawyer's name can be ascertained from Dudley Lester, attorney at law at McAlester, Oklahoma, the latter having acted in a legal capacity for the former."

On April 2, 1934, Mr. Bond called at the Oklahoma City Office and informed me that his information is that Volney Davis and Arthur "Doc" Barker secured their paroles from the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma through John T. Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas. Glynn is reported to have employed an attorney at McAlester named P. S. Lester. Mr. Bond has talked with Dudley Lester, the son of P. S. Lester, and in this manner, secured the above information concerning the connection of Volney Davis and Arthur "Doc"

Barker with Glynn. It is the opinion of Mr. Bond that Dudley Lester has considerable additional information relative to the connections of Glynn with Davis and "Doc" Barker. Mr. Bond suggested that no interview be had with Mr. F. S. Lester, as he is too talkative. However, he advised the son, Dudley Lester, would treat an interview with confidence and he is reliable.

The advisability of interviewing Jack Wilson was discussed with Mr. Bond, and he requested that this not be done, as an interview with Wilson might endanger his life. Mr. Bond does not know the source of Wilson's information except that Wilson has advised him that it comes from inside the penitentiary.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office in view of the information received that John T. Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas is the contact man for Volney Davis and Arthur R. Barker. It is requested that the Kansas City Office endeavor to learn the manner in which Volney Davis and "Doc" Barker contacted Glynn.

It appears advisable to interview Dudley Lester at McAlester, Oklahoma, and appropriate steps are being taken at this time to conduct such an interview, and you will be advised of the results thereof.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division  
Kansas City

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

This office is in receipt of criminal record of  
Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott alias T. J. Nelson alias William  
Weaver which reflects that he was confined in the State Peni-  
tentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on April 7, 1925, under the name  
Phoenix Donald alias Bill Scott, No. 14993, on a charge of  
murder; sentenced to life imprisonment.

Please ascertain the disposition of this matter,  
endeavoring to learn whether he was paroled or escaped. This  
man is a suspect in this case.

Very truly yours,

R. E. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Director,  
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Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

MRS. BESSIE SKINNER, alias GREEN, with other aliases, has advised that BILL WEAVER is definitely a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. She has described him as being from the South, perhaps Arkansas, from the Ozark Mountain region. He is slow and easy going, has unusually light blue eyes, a fair complexion, not much hair, has a high forehead, and weighs nearly 200 pounds, and it was judged from her description that his height would be 5 feet, 11 inches, or taller. His hair is light brown, and he has been around the Twin Cities quite a bit. The BARKER brothers are said to have brought BILL WEAVER from Arkansas to the Twin Cities section. His girl friend is said to be MYRTLE EATON, wife of DOC EATON.

MYRTLE EATON has for a number of years resided at Apartment 104 at 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. BESSIE stated that MYRTLE disliked BILL WEAVER very much, but that BILL forced his attentions on her and would on occasions kidnap her or force MYRTLE to accompany him on trips, and she is of the opinion that MYRTLE EATON would secretly welcome BILL WEAVER'S apprehension because she is desperately in fear of him.

From a strictly confidential source it has been ascertained that MYRTLE EATON, as of January 27, 1934, received a letter from, "Your loveful niece, Letha Eaton", addressed to "Dear Aunt Mert", 2706 S. E. 6th Street, Des Moines, Iowa; that as of January 14, 1934 she received a letter addressed to "Dearest Aunt" from "Your nieces, (Rusty)", the letter being written from St. Josephs Academy, Des Moines, Iowa; that as of March 27, 1934, she received a letter from 805 Granger Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, addressed to "Dear Aunt Mert", and signed, "Your loving niece, Winnie Winkle". Winnie apparently has advised AUNT MYRTLE that BILL had said that MYRTLE had hurt her ankle "kinda bad"; also that "I thought I would write you so you would know Bill got hear O.K.", and there was some intimation that MYRTLE intended to take Betty Jean to St. Paul this summer and that

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Winnie and Letha could come up and see MYRTLE some time. She requested that MYRTLE give a kiss to ANDY, and also sent a number of crosses as kisses to MYRTLE and to BILL.

From the same strictly confidential source, it is indicated that on Easter Sunday a letter had been written to MYRTLE by "Sue". The letter is alleged to have born the postmark "Newport, Arkansas". An examination of the Postal Directory would indicate that this undoubtedly is Newport, Arkansas. The communication, according to information received, is addressed to "Dear Myrtle", and was in answer to a letter which MYRTLE had sent to SUE. The question was asked, "How is my boy. I would like to see him. Take care of him for me, please. It has been a year since I was there. Doesn't time fly?" SUE also requested MYRTLE to obtain for her three or four waitress uniforms, either tan or green, size 38 bust, and SUE stated, "I would like to sell my joint and put in a little clothing store if I get a chance. This is pretty hard on me in the summer, it is so hot". This might indicate that the joint which she was running required her to do some cooking, and as the town of Newport is supposed to be less than 5000 population, it is believed that SUE can be rather easily located, and she may, in fact, be the mother of BILL WEAVER. Discreet investigation should, of course, be conducted to this end.

There is attached to the copy of this communication prepared for the Kansas City office, a letter, apparently written from the Hotel Connor, Joplin, Missouri, dated Sunday, February 4, 1934, addressed to "Dear Myrtle", expressing his regret that he did not get to see MYRTLE and tell her goodbye before she left; that he was in Joplin Wednesday at noon and tried to get in touch with MYRTLE, but was informed that she was not registered and he could not locate her room. He advised that he saw DE- MOSS, or DR. MOSS, that afternoon at 4:00 P.M., and had learned that "all three of you had breakfast at 11:00 A.M." but MOSS said he didn't get to talk with MYRTLE. The letter is signed "Bert C. Angle", who likewise sent his regards to "Blondie". The original of this letter is being sent so that it may be compared with registrations at the Hotel Connor in Joplin, in order to identify, if possible, the individual writing to MYRTLE, as well as the members of the party who were in Joplin on that occasion. It is observed that this letter was apparently written just a few days before the release of MR. BREMER.

Another letter is alleged to have been written to MYRTLE EATON from St. Josephs Academy, Des Moines, Iowa, on January 4th, and is signed "Your niece, Helen". Another letter is alleged to have been received by MYRTLE EATON with the return address, "Winnie Eaton, 805 Granger Avenue,

Des Moines, Iowa". It appears that this girl Winnie, who signed some of her letters "Winnie Winkle," is in Grade 6-A at school.

Attached to the copy of this letter which is being sent to Special Agent O. C. Dewey at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, following an understanding with Special Agent in Charge Conroy, are certain kodak pictures of: "Grandma & Grandpa. Junior & Sparky", "Grandmother & Junior", "Aunt Cud & Uncle Tom. Mrs. Woods sister", "Me & Johns brother Kenneth", and "Two Sports", which may be an aid in identifying the family of MYRTLE EATON.

Further information received from the same confidential source indicates that Winnie Winkle, Grade 6-A, likewise resides, or at times stops at, 805 Granger Avenue in Des Moines.

A younger sister of MYRTLE EATON, is, according to BESSIE GREEN, working in a millinery store in Des Moines, while a sister-in-law, the wife of MYRTLE EATON'S husband's brother, is operating a chicken shack or eating joint in Des Moines, where five girls are said to be employed. Certain other relatives are supposed to live on a farm outside of Des Moines.

In St. Paul it is understood that MR. CLARENCE EATON and MRS. MYRTLE EATON receive statements for professional services from DR. HENRY H. HALL, 636 Lowry Medical Arts Building in St. Paul; that MRS. MYRTLE EATON, as of February 1, 1934, had a balance due of \$156.00, while MR. CLARENCE EATON was indebted in an amount of \$10.75; also that MRS. CLARENCE EATON, as of April 1, 1934, was indebted to DR. HALL in the amount of \$56.90.

The personal effects of MYRTLE EATON, having an insurable value of \$3000.00, appear to be insured by the Cullen Insurance Agency, 912 Pioneer Building, St. Paul, and she appears likewise to be a customer of the Eastmann Kodak Stores Company, 91 East 6th Street, St. Paul, and her apartment rent of \$42.50 per month, or \$240.00 for six months, appears to be paid to the Lambert Investment Company, 36 South Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. I have been advised that a Standard Oil Company road map of the State of Minnesota for 1933 had listed on it the following numbers: 519-147 and 342-859, which may be automobile license tags. She receives from the Stillwater Penitentiary of Stillwater, Minnesota, copies of the Prison Mirror, and likewise has been known to receive the St. Anthony Monthly, published by St. Joseph's Industrial School, Clayton, Delaware. It is suggested that the Philadelphia office make appropriate inquiries to determine the occasion for forwarding this monthly magazine to MRS. MYRTLE EATON at 565 Portland Avenue, Apartment 104.

It is further understood that laundry has been received in a basket at MYRTLE EATON'S apartment, apparently the laundry having been done by some wash woman, in which there were included some men's shirts. One of them bore a laundry mark which appears to be "BG" or "DG", also laundry mark "75". This shirt is being transmitted to the Division for laboratory analysis to determine the exact laundry mark, which is illegible but which appears to be a printed "5" or "SC" or "Q". Undeveloped lead should be sent out following the determination of this number or mark, in order to effect an identification of the individual to whom the shirt belonged, it being observed that laundry marks "DG" and "75" have been reported as having been found in apartments occupied by the BARKER-KARPIS mob in Reno and at other points in the Twin Cities.

Also attached to the copy of this letter being transmitted directly to Special Agent O. C. Dewey at the Kirkwood Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, is a large photograph of "Winnie Winkle", who has been referred to heretofore, and who is now in St. Joseph's Academy in Des Moines, this little girl having lived for a time with MYRTLE EATON in her apartment on Portland Avenue.

There is likewise attached to the copy of this letter to Special Agent Dewey, a photograph in a cardboard folder, bearing the name of Heges Studio, 411 Walnut Street, Des Moines. This photograph has been identified as that of ELSIE McKINLEY, who is a friend of MYRTLE EATON, and who is now married and is residing in Des Moines. No reason is known why this friend should be embarrassed unless it becomes necessary to effect the location of MYRTLE EATON through this friend.

Special Agent in Charge Conroy, Kansas City, has advised by telephone today that MYRTLE EATON is very close to PARK FINDLAY, in charge of the State Police Organization of Iowa, and in view of the fact that it is desired that MYRTLE EATON be questioned under circumstances explained to Mr. Conroy by telephone, and without the knowledge of any police officials, this should be borne in mind, particularly in order to prevent interference with the questioning of this woman.

BESSIE GREEN has advised that MYRTLE EATON is about 33 years of age. She is not very tall, has black hair, which is bobbed short, and she weighed about 140 pounds when last seen.

The Kansas City Office will take steps to obtain full information concerning the registrations at the Hotel Connor in Joplin, Missouri, as reflected in the letter signed by BERT C. ANGLE.

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The Oklahoma City office will conduct very discreet investigations at Newport, Arkansas, from whence came a letter addressed to MYRTLE EATON by an individual by the name of "Sue", who appears to be running some sort of a joint, and from her discussion of the heat of the summer, it is likely that this is some sort of eating place in Newport, and it is likewise possible that the woman "Sue" is the mother or sister of WILLIAM WEAVER, who is now believed to be a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang. This inquiry should be of a very discreet nature, and conducted so that it will not put the woman "Sue" on notice that any inquiries have been made concerning her. If she is ascertained to be a close friend of, or related to, WILLIAM WEAVER, this will, of course, afford an excellent subsequent contact through which WEAVER might eventually be located.

There is also attached hereto a photograph which it is believed is that of a niece of BILL WEAVER. The photograph bears the autographed inscription, "Love Dodo". The photograph was mounted in a folder on which appears the name Miller, evidently the photographer, and an effort has been made to erase the address of the photographer Miller; however, it is apparent that the first four letters are "West" and the last letter, probably of the State, is "O". I called at the office of two photographers in the City of St. Paul, and at the office of Wrights Studio I examined a list of members of an association of photographers and there found that there was a Millers Studio located at 5 Catron Arcade at West Plains, Missouri. It appears very likely that this photograph was taken at this studio. BESSIE SKINNER has identified the photograph as that of the niece of WILLIAM WEAVER, and this niece, together with a nephew 7 or 8 years of age, and another nephew 22 years of age, as well as their mother, whose name is probably "Sue", visited BILL WEAVER in St. Paul within the past year. Discreet inquiry should be made to determine the identity of the girl "Dodo", who, it is said by BESSIE SKINNER, may have taught school in West Plains, Missouri, and she is known to be a school teacher. This may lead to the location of WILLIAM WEAVER. This matter should be handled discreetly but vigorously, and the photograph in question is attached to the copy of this letter covering the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

H. H. [Signature]  
Inspector.

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(1 copy to each Division Office)  
(1 copy to Sp. Agt. O.C. Dewey,  
Kirkwood Hotel,  
Des Moines, Iowa.)

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# 842

Laboratory Report

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Number: 7-576-1700

Specimens: 1 blue shirt bearing trade mark, "Ide, Guaranteed Not To Shrink".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office

Date received: April 19, 1934

Examination requested: Laboratory

Result of examination:

Examination by:

*Laundry mark →  
Wash Temp 140° - 33*

*54  
75*

*Nothing found.*

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

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**TITLE:**  
**ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,**  
**ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al,**  
**EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.**

**CHARACTER OF CASE:**

**KIDNAPING**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Employees of Klumb's Pharmacy, Kummer's Pharmacy, Wehde Drugs, and Lefebvre Department Store, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, cannot identify photographs of suspects in this case as those of persons to whom they have sold Eatons Highland Linen stationery.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Ill., 3/15/34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN.**

**DETAILS:**

Agent interviewed Walter E. Kummer, of Kummer's Pharmacy, 6736 West Wells Street, relative to sales by his store of Eatons Highland Linen stationery, manufactured by the Eaton Paper Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which is the kind of stationery used in the ransom notes in this case. Kummer advised that he had this paper in stock, also the size in question, in boxes showing stock #C706N, and the trade name, "Natalie White". Mr. Kummer, Kenneth Klumb, and Miss Helen Torgerson, who constitute the entire sales force of this store, examined the photographs of Mrs. Katherine Barker, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, and stated that they could not recall ever having made sales of stationery to any of these persons or to anyone resembling them. They also stated that they knew most of the persons in the neighborhood to whom they have sold stationery and had made no sales to persons of suspicious character, or to anyone whom they knew or thought to be connected with the gangster or criminal element.

APPROVED AND  
FORWARDED:

*M. H. Quinn*

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

**7-576-1701**

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J. L. Klumb of Klumb's Pharmacy, #2 State Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, advised that he carried the stationery in question in stock under stock #C706N. Agent exhibited photographs of the suspects in this case to Klumb, D. J. Dunlap, Clarence Davidson, and William Potterton, who are all of the employees at Klumb's Pharmacy. They examined the photographs carefully and advised that they had not sold stationery to any of these persons, nor do they recall having sold stationery to any person of a suspicious character, or whom they knew to be connected with the criminal element. D. J. Dunlap and William Potterton stated that the photograph of Fred Barker resembled somewhat one George Oberle, who frequently comes to the store and who resides in Wauwatosa; that the mouth and chin were the features bearing a close resemblance but that the profile was different. D. J. Dunlap advised that George Oberle worked for Goebel and Oberle, who are in the heating and ventilating business at 1347 Alisee Street, Wauwatosa, and that Messrs. Goebel and Oberle were persons of excellent character and reputation.

Agent exhibited the photograph of Fred Barker to Mr. J. P. Goebel, 67 Vine Street, Wauwatosa, who stated it did not resemble George Oberle, the brother of Peter Oberle, his partner, at all; that the hair, eyes and nose were different, and that in fact the whole general appearance of the face was entirely dissimilar. He also stated that George Oberle was in his shop every day and had not been away from town during the past two years and was a person of excellent character and reputation.

Agent also exhibited the photograph of Fred Barker to Peter Oberle, 66 Vine Street, who stated that it was not the photograph of his brother.

A. C. Wehde of Wehde Drugs, 7623 State Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, who has the only Wehde Drug Store in Wauwatosa, the street number 7623 being the changed number of 71 State Street, examined his stock and advised that he has never carried Batons Highland Linen of the size involved in this case. He does carry Batons Highland Linen, stock #F691N, which is a larger size.

Photographs of the suspects were exhibited to A. C. Wehde, E. A. Wehde, and J. R. Brown, who are the only employees of this store. After carefully studying the photographs they advised that they did not recall ever having sold stationery to any of these persons or to any suspicious characters during the past eight or nine months.

Abraham Lefebber, of Lefebber Brothers Department Store, 205 North Main Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, advised that he carried

Eatons Highland Linen stationery of the size involved in stock as #C706N; that he sold very little stationery and most of his sales were made to ladies in the neighborhood known to employees of the department store. Abraham Lefebvre advised that he, Susan Schneider, and P. W. Brinkman were the only employees who would have occasion to sell stationery. Photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to these persons who could not identify them as being persons to whom they had sold any stationery. They stated that they did not recall having sold stationery to any person of a suspicious character or whom they had reason to believe were connected with the underworld element.

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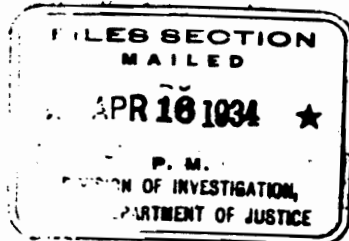
April 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

During telephonic conversation this morning, Mr. Clegg advised that Bill Weaver, the man from the Ozark Mountains with the Southern accent, is undoubtedly a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. It has been ascertained that his girl friend is one Myrtle Eton, who is the wife of Doc Eton, a notorious convict. Myrtle Eton has no affection for Weaver, he having forced his attentions upon her. Mr. Clegg stated that in looking the place over yesterday, he found a shirt which contains the same laundry mark found in Reno, B.G. - 75. This undoubtedly connects him with the mob. Myrtle's apartment has been vacant since the shooting. Mr. Clegg stated that the names and addresses of a number of her relatives have been ascertained. Her father and mother, two sisters and a sister-in-law live in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Clegg stated that their plan, if approved, is to locate Myrtle Eton, "kidnap" her, and remove her to Kansas City, this city being chosen since it is in the same territory; that if she were left in Des Moines, her friends and relatives could obtain counsel, and in St. Paul her political and underworld connections would probably secure an attorney for her. It is believed that information as to the Barker-Karpis gang might be gained from her. I approved the above plan, and told Mr. Clegg it would also be all right to secure the cooperation of Sheriff Bash at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Edward J. Connelley

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April 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In compliance with your request I talked to Mr. Clegg at St. Paul and asked the number of men working on the Bremer kidnaping case, the Dillinger case and those regularly assigned to Mr. Hanni for general assignment. Mr. Clegg stated that Special Agent Hardy was at the present time under subpoena at Fargo, North Dakota, and was also working on general assignment; that Special Agent Noonan was under subpoena at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was working on general assignment; that Special Agent J. V. Anderson was under subpoena to appear at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, tomorrow and would be working on general assignment; that Agents Brennan, Coulter, Dodd, Dowd, Fortenberry, Gross, O. G. Hall, Melvin, Halls, Nicholson, Notestein, A. E. Peterson and Costello were working under his general supervision on the Bremer and Dillinger cases. Mr. Clegg stated that the two cases could not be separated; that two safety deposit boxes were located which contained large sums of money of the woman they are holding in the office, that is, the woman who was arrested at the time Green was shot; that the numbers of this money were being recorded and compared with the numbers on kidnaping ransom bills; that it might be stated that part of the work was being done on the Bremer case, though the lead arose from the Dillinger case. He stated that six men were practically on guard duty; that a man had to be with Green all the time, a man with the two colored women and a man with the woman in the St. Paul office; that he had not given the question any consideration as to how many men Mr. Hanni should have assigned to him constantly for general assignment nor how many men should be assigned to the Bremer kidnaping case; that he had devoted his entire attention to the Dillinger case and that everybody in the St. Paul office had been working on this case, including Mr. Hanni; that the understanding now at St. Paul is that Mr. Hanni should be available as well as all the Agents, for assignment to the Dillinger and Bremer cases when anything of importance develops; that Mr. Hanni is to report to Mr. Clegg any requests made by the Division or pending cases which require immediate attention and that he has afforded men for such purposes; that there really are no men specifically assigned to either general assignment under Mr. Hanni, the Bremer or the Dillinger case.

Mr. Clegg stated that he wanted to advise that the Judge at St. Paul had certainly cooperated 100% with the Division; that the

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was taken before him today on a writ of habeas corpus; that the Judge pointed the attorneys out to her and asked if she knew them; that she stated "no"; that he asked her if she wanted their services and she said "no" whereupon he dismissed court, after making some uncomplimentary remarks concerning the attorneys.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 18, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I.O. # 1217, et al.  
K.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. # 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Supplementing my letter of April 12, 1934, the following information was secured from BESSIE GREEN on April 15th and 16th.

The correct name of VOLNEY DAVIS' sweetheart is EDNA MURRAY. She is from Oklahoma, and she has a child living either at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, or close to Sapulpa, with some relatives. The child in question is a boy about 16 or 17 years of age, and his first name is PRESTON. VOLNEY DAVIS' sweetheart has a large mouth, with much gold showing in the lower teeth. BESSIE GREEN says that, "She is small through the waist and built like a tent". She and the child were in Chicago during the summer of 1933 attending the World's Fair, at which time they were accompanied by a man thought to be named O'LAUGHLIN.

With further reference to the location of MRS. EATE BARKER, BESSIE stated that her apartment in Chicago was close to Washington Boulevard at Park. She did not believe it was more than two blocks away from Washington Boulevard.

She stated that VOLNEY DAVIS' mother, father, and two brothers live in the vicinity of Sapulpa.

In regard to MYRTLE HATCH, BESSIE stated that a younger sister of MYRTLE'S works in a wholesale millinery establishment in Des Moines, Iowa. The family name of MYRTLE HATCH is HUBBARD. Her father is now living with his daughter, who is the millinery assistant responsible for her future.

The sweetheart of BOB BARKER is at the present time coming to secure a divorce. She is also working.

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PAUL HARMON is addicted to golf. All of the sweethearts of the BARKER-KARPIS gang drink considerably and like the usual modern night life average diversions.

BESSIE states that the BARKER-KARPIS crowd have connections in Kansas City. She recalls them referring to TONY'S PLACE at 12th and Main Street in Kansas City, and she states that the BARKERS were very close friends of JOHNNY LAZIE. She also advised that TONY'S place was a contact place in Kansas City, serving a similar purpose to that of LOUIE'S place North of Chicago. She states that the BARKER-KARPIS crowd have a close connection with somebody at Leavenworth, Kansas, who is known as the "fixer" there, but she was unable to give further details as to this Leavenworth person's identity. She stated that HERBERT and ESTHER PARKER of Joplin, Missouri, prominently figuring in the Kansas City massacre, are not only well known to the BARKERS, but a couple of years ago visited The Alamo, operated by BESSIE at that time, with SAWYER. She states that SAWYER'S wife is a heavy drinker and SAWYER also indulges.

BESSIE stated that HARRY SAWYER'S real name was SANVOLICH (phonetic spelling) and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska. SAWYER has one brother who is a butcher and another in the automobile sales business. One brother's name is SAM, while another brother is named RAY, and the latter's wife's first name is MARGARET, although she does not know which of these individuals is in car business and which in the auto business. His mother likewise lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as a sister by the name of BESSIE. SAWYER'S father died at Lincoln seven or eight years ago. MRS. SAWYER has a sister who attended a business college six or seven years ago, and included in her studies were shorthand, typewriting, and bookkeeping, and she is supposed to be present time somewhere in California.

With further reference to JOHN DILLINGER, she advised that automobile which was discovered in their possession at Tucson, Arizona, had been purchased at St. Louis, Missouri, at the Automobile Show, according to their information, and that at the time of its purchase it was a light cream or tan color, but was painted dark; that is, either blue or black.

BESSIE stated that HARRY SAWYER at one time operated an automobile repair place and garage in St. Paul with a young man who was practically forced out of the business; that working in this garage was a mechanic whose first name was EDDIE; that after the dissolution of the partnership between SAWYER and the other partner, FRED BARKER purchased a garage in St. Paul, and this boy EDDIE was now operating this garage for FRED BARKER. She stated that she had passed by this garage, and she gave directions to get to it: Cross the Robert Street Bridge in St. Paul, turn to the left, and go

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up the hill six or eight blocks. There will be a frame garage, which is painted grey and is trimmed in green. Next door to this garage is a gasoline station, which she believes is a Standard Oil Station. This oil station she thinks is on the corner. The garage operated by SAWYER in which EDDIE worked as a mechanic previously, was located on Fourth Street in St. Paul.

HESSIE stated that from the discussions which she had heard relative to DILLINGER'S plans, he proposed to get together money and equipment sufficient to enable him to set free the member of his gang who was recently sentenced to serve a life term, although she claimed she had not heard of any plans to liberate those who have been given the death penalty.

HESSIE GREEN, alias HESSIE SKINNER, and other aliases, advised that on the day of the shooting at 93-95 South Lexington Avenue in St. Paul, when DILLINGER made his escape under a barrage of machine gun fire, DILLINGER had been shot in the leg, and she claims that the bullet did not strike the bone nor did it go through the muscular part of the leg, but merely was a surface flesh wound a few inches above the left knee. The bullet did not stop in his leg.

She stated that EDDIE GREEN left with BILLIE FRECHETTE, as heretofore described, when BILLIE called at her apartment a few minutes after the shooting; that she understands that EDDIE GREEN went with BILLIE FRECHETTE and JOHN DILLINGER and made a contact with DR. CLAYTON E. MAY, and DR. MAY caused DILLINGER to be placed in a flat located in the building at 1835 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that DR. MAY is supposed to have treated DILLINGER at this place during the day, Saturday; that later that night it was desired that DILLINGER receive additional medical treatment, and there had been some difficulty involved in handling DR. MAY'S automobile, as the room left in the garage to the rear of the house was not sufficient to entirely conceal this automobile. Therefore, HESSIE stated that she proceeded to DR. MAY'S office, located in the Masonic Temple Building, 7th floor, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and she accompanied DR. MAY in the latter's Chevrolet automobile to 1835 Park Avenue. It was found that there was another garage available in the rear of the house, and DR. MAY'S automobile was placed in this garage. She went into the flat with DR. MAY and when she got in the flat she found that JOHN DILLINGER was on a small bed in a small room at the rear of the flat. He did not have his leg strapped up in any sort of harness, but was lying flat on the bed, and in this same apartment was DR. CLAYTON E. MAY, BILLIE FRECHETTE, EDWARD GREEN alias EUGENE GREEN, and HESSIE SKINNER, alias HESSIE GREEN. She stated that it was obvious that all of those present knew that JOHN DILLINGER was there; and that in addition to those whom she mentioned there was a woman who she understands is in charge of this flat, although she does not know the woman's name.

This woman was described as being middle aged, probably 45 years of age, rather small, and of dark complexion. She states that she can identify this woman if she is able to see her again. It is her understanding that this flat is one used by DR. MAY to perform illegal operations, such as the one performed on DILLINGER, as well as abortions, and that the middle aged woman above mentioned maintains this flat in a capacity similar to caretaker. She stated that she believed that JOHN DILLINGER remained in this flat from the time of the first treatment, after the shooting on March 31st, until the afternoon when EDDIE GREEN was shot, which was Tuesday afternoon, April 3, 1934.

This flat, BESSIE stated, was the flat on the first floor to the left after entering from the front. The flat was located in a brick, tan or yellow colored, building. This was subsequently verified and the apartment was raided after warrant of arrest for JANE DOE, the occupant, had been obtained, and although the apartment was vacant, and apparently had been vacated for several days, a report as to the findings in this apartment will be separately made.

She feels quite certain that DILLINGER left town Tuesday afternoon, April 3rd, or that night, because from discussions with EDDIE GREEN she understood that JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, and perhaps other members of the mob, excepting EDDIE GREEN, were planning to leave St. Paul that night, and she feels certain that after the shooting he would have carried out this intention perhaps more expeditiously than heretofore intended, and that the plans were that the machine gun equipment which was being collected by EDDIE GREEN were undoubtedly for the purpose of equipping DILLINGER and his mob with such fire-arms.

Observing that she had previously indicated that WILLIAM WEAVER was a member of the JOHN DILLINGER mob, and that she had also placed him definitely in the BARKER-KARPIS mob, I questioned her further concerning this and she stated that it had not been her intention to indicate that WEAVER was a member of the DILLINGER-GREEN mob; that he was a member of the BARKER-KARPIS gang and had been brought to the Twin Cities from the Ozark Mountain region of Arkansas by the BARKER brothers.

She further advised that although she was not present, she feels quite certain that those involved in the Mason City, Iowa, and the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, bank robberies, were JOHN DILLINGER, JOHN HAMILTON, EDDIE GREEN, TOMMY CARROLL, HOMER VAN METER, and GEORGE "BABY FACE" NELSON. She advised further that current gossip was to the effect that in a post office

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robbery which had been committed in South St. Paul, Minnesota, the BARKER-KARPIS gang had been involved in this robbery, as she had heard EDDIE GREEN discuss how crazy the whole plan was, as they had apparently, without necessity, shot down individuals during the course of that robbery.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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(2 copies to all Division offices)

EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Newby called from Chicago and advised that he had received information to the effect that the Barker Brothers have been at Whitewater, Wisconsin; that they were there about a month ago; that the people at Whitewater thought they were counterfeiters because they were handing out money to a couple of prostitutes; that these prostitutes are Ida and Iva Pitts; that they are now serving time at the Reformatory at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and have been there since the first of April; that previous to that time they had been associated with the Barker Brothers at Whitewater; that the individuals questioned in connection with this matter advised that the men were dressed like millionaires but one of them wore a chauffeur's uniform. Mr. Newby called attention to the fact that Arthur Barker is alleged to have purchased the chauffeur's uniform at Whitewater, Wisconsin. Mr. Newby asked whether he should return to Washington today or remain away until this lead had been run down. He was advised to remain away until this lead had been taken care of.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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503A U.S. Court House & F.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 17, 1934.

Mr. W.A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

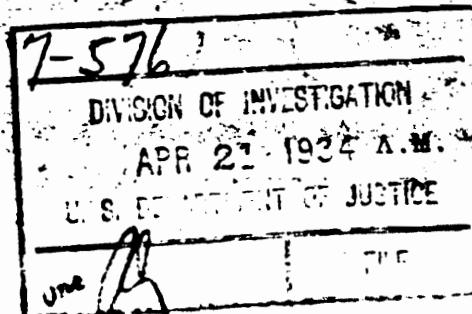
Attached hereto you will find a copy of a communication directed by me today to the Chicago Division office, having to do with inquiry concerning goggles. I invite you to the information secured from Mr. J.R. Foss of the M.L. Foss Inc., Denver, Colorado. No further inquiry will be made through the M.L. Foss Inc., unless you instruct.

I am returning to you under separate registered cover, the two pair of goggles which were received from you under similar cover some time ago.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division.





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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the investigative action suggested to this office in your letter of March 31, 1932, having to do with inquiry concerning goggles at certain places in Denver, Colorado, and McGill, Nevada, permit me to now inform you that inquiry at Hendrie & Bolthoff Manufacturing Company, 1639 17th Street, Denver, Colorado, resulted in learning, through Mr. Waterman of that company, that a pair of M & L-524 goggles, reported shipped to his company by the Chicago Eye Shield Company on September 14th, 1931, were not shipped to his company, but were shipped direct from Chicago, Illinois, to the Ohio Oil Company, Grass Creek, Wyoming, Order No. 192293. The Hendrie & Bolthoff Company never had possession of this pair of goggles. I am directing a communication to the Ohio Oil Company to learn if that concern received the goggles, and what disposition was made of them.

Inquiry at the M.L. Foss Inc., 1901 Arapahoe Street, Denver, Colorado, through Mr. J.R. Foss, resulted in an expression by Mr. Foss that he does not know, and cannot ascertain otherwise than through examination of all the sales slips of his company reflecting sales since October 1931, how and to whom the goggles in question were disposed of. He stated that even then it is very conjectural whether the desired information can be obtained, since many of the sales slips do not show the type of the article sold, except in general terms, and many of the slips do not show the name of the purchaser. He stated that examination of the sales slips will take a matter of days, and that although he is willing to be of assistance, he does not feel that the prospects of success warrant the time required. He is willing however, to allow an agent of this office to do the work involved.

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Mr. Foss explained that his concern does not buy these goggles for its own use, but rather for distribution to the retail trade. He was unable to state whether the dozen pair of goggles in question were purchased for one person or corporation, or whether they were sold in smaller quantities to various concerns.

At the Texaco Company, University Building, Denver, Colorado, Mr. J.T. Rankin stated, after an examination of his records, that the pair of M & L-524 goggles purchased by his company from the Chicago Eye Shield Company on November 19, 1931, was forwarded to Mr. L.F.J. Wilking, who was then, and is now, employed in the office of the Texas Company, located at Casper, Wyoming. The present location of the goggles is not known to Mr. Rankin, but I am addressing a letter to Mr. Wilking to learn if he still has the goggles, and if not, what he did with them.

Inquiry at the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company, McGill, Nevada, made through D.V. Layson, resulted in learning that McGill, Nevada, is owned and operated by the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company; that only employees of the company are permitted to reside in McGill, and during 1930 and 1931 there were 2,600 employees of this company which comprised the miners at the smelter, boiler plant and other units of this company, and that no man have been employed whatever since 1931. At the present time the force of the company is less than 500, and the plant is inoperative. Mr. Layson stated that he recalls the purchase in April 1931, of a pair of Casco goggles from the Chicago Eye Shield Company; that this purchase was made at the request of Frank E. Jamison, Boiler Shop Foreman, and that at that time the company was seeking to obtain a style of goggles that would be particularly adapted to the work of the company, and that the company bought numerous sample pairs of goggles from various dealers; that upon the receipt of the instant goggles, an order was subsequently placed for 12 additional pairs, which order was filled in May 1932; that all of these goggles were delivered to Frank E. Jamison, and that he would be the only man that would have any information concerning them.

Frank E. Jamison was shown the pair of Casco goggles received from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul Division office, and the pair of sample goggles. He stated he recalled this type of goggles having been used in the plant about two years ago; that 12 pairs of such goggles were received, and were issued to welders and others under his supervision; that no receipt was required from the employees to whom the goggles were issued, and no record was made of the persons to whom the goggles were given. Mr. Jamison stated that he has no information whatever that any of these goggles were stolen or lost, and that it would be impossible to trace any of these goggles at the present time, and he doubted if a search of all the units of this large company, including the mines, the

shops, the smelting plants etc., would reveal any of the goggles. He stated that many types of goggles were used by his company during the last year, and the company has adopted a different type of goggle which has proven more satisfactory. He stated that all the goggles used by his company were kept in the tool room of the boiler house, and were issued to the welders and helpers, and that no record was kept of these goggles at the time of issuance, and that approximately 200 employees had access to the goggles, and there was no way whatever of tracing any goggles or accounting for them. He stated it would be an easy matter for an employee of the company, who was inclined to be dishonest to pick up a pair of the goggles and place them in his pocket without being detected, and he expressed the belief that considerable company property has disappeared in this manner.

Photographs of subjects were exhibited to Mr. Jamison and he stated he was unable to identify any of them as present or former employees of the company. He stated that the Cesco goggles proved very unsatisfactory as the vent holes on each side of the lens admitted sparks and excessive light, which was very annoying to the welder while these glasses were being used at acetylene welding. Mr. Jamison examined the goggles used by victim, and stated that they bore evidence of having had hard usage, that the glass was pitted with marks made by metal, indicating that they had considerable service. He was not able to identify the instant pair of glasses as being ever in his possession, and was positive that if they had been used at his plant that the head strap, which was apparently a piece of inner tube, was not placed thereon while in the use of his company, as replacement straps for all goggles are furnished by his company, and when the straps are worn out they are replaced by the company. Mr. Jamison expressed the view that in view of the fact that one of the lens had been broken, that it is possible that the goggles may have been discarded and picked up by some unauthorized person.

A.J. Leonard, Employment Agent, informed that he has been in the employ of the company for 11 years; that all of the employees of the company are known to him. He was shown photographs of subjects but failed to identify any of them as being past employees.

No further inquiry or examination of the records of the M.L. Foss Inc., Denver, Colorado, will be made, unless further instructions are received.

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cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul.  
cc - Inspector Rorer.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

318 News Building  
San Francisco, California.

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April 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.  
#1218. ARTHUR R. BARKER, with  
aliases, I.O. #1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

As requested in letter from the  
Chicago Division Office to the Salt Lake City Div-  
ision office, dated March 31, 1934, in the above  
captioned matter, a copy of which was forwarded the  
San Francisco Office, I am returning, under separate  
cover, 1 pair of Cesco M & L Goggles.

Very truly yours,

E. B. MONTGOMERY,  
Acting Special Agent  
in Charge.

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April 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. R.  
Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, California, dated April 16, 1934:

In endeavoring to immediately secure typing and distribu-  
tion of the above noted report, the copies were cut to a minimum  
because of the stenographic situation in this office, and it  
appears that copy for the Portland Office was inadvertently omitted,  
and I am therefore enclosing herewith a copy of the above noted  
report.

Your attention is invited to the information developed  
therein, particularly to the Bentz brothers and to the report that  
their associate, Pauline King, was reported at the Plaza Hotel in  
Seattle in December, 1933, for such investigation as you may deem  
proper at Seattle.

Very truly yours,

E.B. Montgomery, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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c.c. Division  
c.c. St. Paul  
c.c. Inspector Rorer, St. Paul

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E.B. Montgomery, Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
April 17, 1934.

Mr. W.A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your communication of March 23rd, 1934, in which you set forth the descriptions of approximately ten automobiles, and the true names and aliases of the subjects in this case, and asked that the State Automobile Registration Bureaus in the States allocated to this office be checked for the purpose of determining if one or all of these cars were registered, or if any cars were registered under the true names or aliases of subject, permit me to inform you that I previously reported to you that the records of Colorado and Utah failed to show that any of these automobiles were registered, and that not any of the Subjects, under their true names or aliases appear to be the registrants of automobiles. However, "Wanted Notices" were placed with these Bureaus against these cars.

I now wish to inform you that a check was made through the State Auto Registration Bureau for the State of Wyoming, and it was determined that not any of these cars were registered in this State, and it seems that these Subjects, under their true names or aliases, appear not to be registrants of automobiles.

In Wyoming, one R.E. Davis of Rawlins, Wyoming, is the registrant of an Oldsmobile Coupe, 1929 model, Engine No. F 127066 Serial No. DC 172. Wyoming 1934 License No. 6-805 was issued to cover this car. One R.E. Davis, Hopkin Apartments, Sheridan, Wyoming, is the registrant of a DeSota Sedan, 1932 model, Engine No. 3C 12374, Serial No. 6008133. Wyoming 1934 License No. 3-1407 was issued for this car. However, it is not believed that either of these men are one of the subjects in this case.

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The check covering these cars, and the true names and aliases of subjects, is now being made in the State of Nevada, and when it is completed you will be advised of the results.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD:J  
cc - Division.  
cc - St. Paul.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

April 14, 1934.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward  
George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. Number: 7-576

Specimens: Photostatic copies of specimens showing signature of  
James Williams and John Rogers.  
Front page of The Minneapolis Tribune, March 5, 1934,  
issue.

Examination requested by: Sheriff's Office, Minneapolis, Minn.

Date received: April 5, 1934.

Examination requested: Laboratory. Handwriting comparison with  
members of Karpis Gang.

Result of examination: Examination by: C.A. Appel.

April 12. The signatures of James Williams and John Rogers are  
believed not to be in the handwriting of Karpis, Barker, Oley, or Martin  
in so far as this may be ascertained simply by an examination of their  
signatures on identification orders. On the other hand these signatures  
could have been written by John Hamilton, John J. Nolan, or John Dillinger.  
It is believed, however, that none of these did write the signatures.  
Of these the signature of Nolan is most similar. There are attached to  
copies of this report copies of a chart made by tracing.

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Alvin Karpis

Doc Barker Doc Barker

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

APR 20 1934

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim: Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division April 5, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Check of news stands in Detroit territory concerning sale of Minneapolis and St. Paul papers unproductive of information and photograph of Karpis gang members not identified. Records Title Division, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, failed to disclose registration of cars known to be in subjects' possession. List of all cars registered under identical names of subjects, with aliases, obtained and check being made for identification of 1933 and 1934 registrations. T. C. Blackburn purchased Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #18-493080 from Lyman D. Arnold, Inc., Toledo, Ohio, on 9-26-33, paying cash, Blackburn being introduced by one C.W. Woods, whose present whereabouts are unknown. This car and Buick Sedan, Motor #2858090 registered at Toledo, Ohio, Lucas County, under name of T.C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood, Toledo, a vacant lot. Members of Karpis gang not identified as purchasers or registerers. Oscar Felt formerly of Evansville, Wyoming, knows Subject Campbell but has not seen him recently. Felt intends to return to Wyoming and will endeavor to obtain information of Campbell.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCES:</b> Letter of Inspector Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2-23-34 Report of Special Agent A.R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, 3-22-34 Report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, 3-7-34 Letter from St. Paul to New York, cc Detroit, 2-23-34 Report of Special Agent J. F. O'Connell, Salt Lake City, 3-15-34, entitled "Verne C. Miller, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner."</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> A letter from the St. Paul Office to the New York Office, dated February 23, 1934, with copies to the several auxiliary offices enclosing a list of news stand subscribers to the five Minneapolis</p>			
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and St. Paul newspapers has resulted in a check of all news stands handling these several papers within the territory of the Detroit Office. The results of these checks by agents of the Detroit Office, reported in memorandum form, has failed to develop information of value. In each instance a group photograph of the Karpis gang was exhibited but in no instance was any identification or information of value obtained.

In agreement with reference report of Special Agent Gere, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22, 1934, a check of the automobile registrations for Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, resulted in information from those files that Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor #18-493080 was registered for Ohio title on September 26, 1933, under Registrar #352666 and was issued 1933 Ohio plates C-25771 to T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood, Toledo, Ohio. The records further reflect that this car was purchased new by Blackburn from Lyman D. Arnold, Incorporated, (Ford Dealers), 1002 Adams Street, Toledo. A check of the City Directory fails to list such an address as 4214 North Lockwood and personal observation in the 4200 block on that street develops that the number is a vacant lot.

Lyman D. Arnold, President, and O. H. Trotter, Sales Manager, of Lyman D. Arnold, Incorporated, were interviewed and at first they were unable to recall any details concerning the sale of the Ford V-8 in question. Subsequently, however, after a check of their records, Mr. Arnold informed that he then recalled that he handled the sale himself personally; that about September 15, 1933, or a few days afterwards, one C. W. Woods, whom he was unable to describe with any degree of clarity, and an individual for whom the firm had done previous repair work and who now stands indebted to the firm in the amount of \$17.00 on open account, came into the office and asked him if he was interested in making a cash sale and what there would be in it for him on a new Ford V-8; that they talked a few minutes and agreed to look after Woods if the sale was made.

The next day, to the best of Mr. Arnold's recollection, Woods returned with an individual who claimed to be T. C. Blackburn, who both Mr. Arnold and Mr. Trotter are unable to describe, at which time Blackburn purchased a new Ford V-8 Standard Sedan, color blue, Motor #18-493080, wire wheels, and paid cash therefor in \$100.00 bills and a few smaller ones, no record being made of the serials or other identifying numbers on the bills, the same being new to the best of their recollection; that title papers were immediately executed for Blackburn and Ohio plates obtained by the company for that individual before the car was delivered; that Blackburn accepted delivery of the car and drove off with Woods, adding that there would be no service on the car in the future. Mr. Arnold informed that the date of sale was September 26, 1933.

When exhibited a photograph of the Karpis gang, neither Mr. Arnold nor Mr. Trotter were able to identify Blackburn or Woods as any member of the gang and they further informed that they could not recall ever having seen any of those individuals.



Mr. Arnold checked his records further concerning Woods and stated that the last address for that individual was given in connection with a repair job and was 4209 1/2 North Lockwood, Telephone Lawnsdale 6282. At this time, Mr. Arnold then recalled that when he was making out the bill of sale to Blackburn, he asked that individual for his address and was informed that he did not live in Toledo and to leave it blank, but was informed that an address was necessary, whereupon Blackburn turned to Woods and said "What address shall I give?", and Woods replied "4214 North Lockwood."

Mr. Arnold further stated that the records reflect that C. W. Woods is the owner of a 1932 or 1933 Tudor Sedan, Motor #3809716, which bore 1933 Ohio plates C-53830. In an attempt to locate Woods for an interview, Mr. Arnold subsequently informed that he was unable to locate in the City Directory such an address as 4209 1/2 North Lockwood; that he called the number Lawnsdale 6282 several times on the occasions of Agent's trips to the company but was unable to obtain an answer. Mr. Arnold appears to be very cooperative, and will endeavor to locate Woods under the pretext of collecting the open account of \$17.00. A check of the City Directory failed to list a Woods residing in the 4200 block of North Lockwood, and several attempts to receive an answer from telephone Lawnsdale 6282 were without results.

However, in checking the Auto Registration Records at Toledo, Ohio, Detective George Stevenson, Auto Detail, Police Department, was interviewed and he informed that he has a distinct recollection of having come into contact with a Woods in connection with thefts of automobiles in that city and that he will search his diary in an effort to locate his record.

In view of the nature of the connection between Woods and Blackburn, it was not deemed appropriate to make inquiries in the 4200 block of North Lockwood at that time. In that connection, Mr. Arnold has agreed to endeavor to locate Woods and will inform the Detroit Division Office immediately.

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In agreement with reference letter of Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 23, 1934, an appropriate letter was addressed to the Title Division, Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, placing stops on those cars listed in reference letter. The correct names and aliases of the suspects who might have possession of those automobiles were given and a request was made that a check be made of their files and that this office be informed of automobile registrations by those persons with aliases. A request was also made that a stop be placed against those persons and cars.

The Detroit Office is now in receipt of a letter from the Title Division to the effect that a search of their files failed to disclose that any of the cars listed in the above reference letter had been registered with the Title Division and the proper stop notices have been posted.

A check of the registrations by names failed to disclose registrations under the names of J. Darrows, Ted Murphy, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, Doc Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H. J. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, Alvin Karpis, Raymond Hadley, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, E. L. Burnes, Volney Davis, E. V. Davis or S. E. Lockwood, and that they would be unable to place stops in their files on those names. It was noted, however, that a great number of cars and several trucks were registered in the past five years under similar names and aliases of several suspects but from the ages of some of the cars, it is probable that none of those persons are subjects in the instant matter. However, the following registrations were made in Michigan for 1933 and 1934:

	Name and Address	Make of Car	Motor	Serial	Title No.	Issued
1.	R.E. Davis, 815 7th, Grand Rapids, Michigan	Essex Coach	1079704	1011309	B-2210237	3-6-34
2.	Ralph E. Davis, R.F.D. 1, Box 193, South Haven, Mich.	Chevrolet Coach	3426177	2AA60036	A-0302991	2-13-34
3.	Ralph E. Davis, R. #1, South Haven, Mich.	Ford Convertible	14914803		C-1711865	9-11-33
4.	Arthur Barker, 14417 Hazel-ridge, Detroit, Mich.	Chevrolet Sedan	3516481	1CAC218344	A0192040	6-7-33
5.	George Dunn, 133 E. Bush St., Kalamazoo, Michigan	Overland Sedan	238405	286001	B-1139366	5-11-33
6.	George G. Dunn, Grand Blanc, Michigan	Chevrolet Coach	3010136	1BA124478	A-208931	1-31-33
7.	George G. Dunn, Grand Blanc, Michigan	Chevrolet Coach	4113808	1DA0210706	0321210	3-6-34
8.	George C. Dunn, 712 Huron W. Ann Arbor, Michigan	Oldsmobile Touring	F334935	41976	0224395	7-11-33
9.	R.E. Hamilton, 1931 Aurelia, Detroit, Michigan	Ford Tudor	3531703		B-2629770	3-6-34
10.	R.L. Burns, Plainwell, Mich.	Hudson Coupe	563227	843960	A-0146174	6-17-33

11.	Harry Campbell, Cadillac, Mich.	Ford Coupe	7587940		D-705217	7-25-33
12.	Harry Campbell, 174 E. Min- nesota, Detroit, Mich.	Willys Sedan	182212	132187	A-2524411	2-16-34
13.	Harry Campbell, 8437 Camp- bell, Detroit, Mich.	Graham Sedan	740146	736083	G-2527600	10-9-33
14.	Harry Campbell, 171 E. Parkhurst, Detroit, Mich.	Plymouth Sedan	PA19914	1586243	G-2837817	3-23-34
15.	Harry Campbell, 5659 Kendall Dearborn, Michigan.	Chev. Coach	2589228	1A235570	D-017015	5-26-33
16.	Harry A. Campbell & Ruth L. Campbell, 16202 Cherry- lawn, Detroit, Mich.	Dodge Sedan	DF31404	3605416	0192659	5-16-33
17.	Harry G. Campbell, 932 W. Euclid, Detroit, Mich.	Chev. Coupe	2636791	41213	B-2810174	2-21-34
18.	Harry L. Campbell, 1019 Long- fellow, Royal Oak, Mich.	Essex Coach	1007785	942556	0175612	3-28-33
19.	Geo. L. Martin, 523 1/2 McCreary St., Flint, Michigan	Chev. Coach	3172277	1AA29121	B-1686432	3-12-34
20.	C. A. Moore, 700 W. Thomas, Rome, New York	Oldsmobile Landau Sedan	E18845	LS4754	D-1623633	5-25-33

A check is being made of the passenger car registrations only and, where practicable, by letter.

Referring to the report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, dated March 7, 1934, pertaining to Harry Campbell, and the report of Special Agent J. F. O'Connell, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 15, 1934, entitled "Verne C. Miller, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner," wherein is set forth an undeveloped lead to determine if Harry Campbell was residing with one Oscar Felt, at 16534 Stoepel Avenue, Detroit, formerly of Evansville, Wyoming, the investigative results are being reported in the captioned case. One additional copy of the instant report is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office for its file on Verne C. Miller.

In a memorandum for the file prepared by Special Agent J. H. Bishop, dated April 4, 1934, it appears that on March 20, 1934, Agent Bishop interviewed E. J. McGahey, 2124 College Park Station, Fankel Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, who stated he had delivered mail to Oscar Felt at 16534 Stoepel but that he had not done so for several months. He stated that he delivered letters from Wyoming addressed to Mrs. Charles A. Felt, the mother of Oscar Felt, and that there were several Felt boys who, with their friends, were habitually entering and leaving the Felt home.

Mrs. T. J. Long, 16546 Stoepel Avenue, was interviewed and she advised Agent Bishop that a man who limps slightly in his right leg was a frequent visitor at the Felt home, which is next to her residence, and which is a blind pig.

On March 31, 1934, Agent Bishop exhibited to Mrs. Long a photograph of Subject Harry Campbell which Mrs. Long observed and stated that she thought Subject Harry Campbell had been a visitor at the Felt home. Subsequently, a composite photograph of the Karpis gang was exhibited to Mrs. Long and she identified rather definitely the photograph of Campbell as being that of a man she had seen frequently at the Felt home, advising Agent that he usually showed up there with a painter and another friend between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. on week days and between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. Agent Bishop maintained a surveillance of the Felt premises from Mrs. Long's residence the following Sunday morning, remaining from 9:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. However, the man reputed to be Harry Campbell did not appear. Mrs. Long subsequently informed that the painter friend's name was Fred Harsteadt, whose address was 15840 Lesure Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Long also stated that Oscar Felt was not thought to be presently residing with his father at 16534 Stoepel Avenue but that his wife was there and that the husband, Oscar Felt, visited her in the afternoons occasionally and that he was now thought to be employed by the Ternstedt Manufacturing Company of 6307 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan. She informed that she first saw the individual whom she thought to be Subject Harry Campbell come to the Felt home in September, 1933, but that he had not been seen there for two or three weeks prior to the date of the instant interview.

General inquiries by the writer and Agent Bishop in the vicinity of 15840 Lesure Street, Detroit, Michigan, the residence of Fred Harsteadt, failed to develop information indicating that he was associating with Subject Harry Campbell or other members of the Karpis gang. Discreet inquiries in the immediate neighborhood failed to disclose that any members of that gang had been seen at the Harsteadt residence.

Through the Ternstedt Manufacturing Company, it was ascertained that Oscar H. Felt, 16534 Stoepel Avenue, was employed in Plant #16 as a polisher, on January 8, 1934, and was presently therein employed. A check of his employment record discloses that he informed he was born August 21, 1901, in the State of Minnesota and is presently residing at 16534 Stoepel Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, working from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and under the supervision of Assistant Foreman A. J. Reed and was described as being: Age: 32, Height: 5 feet 5 inches, Weight: 137 pounds.

Assistant Foreman A. J. Reed, Ternstedt Manufacturing Company, residence address 5242 Jonathan, Dearborn, Michigan, was interviewed and he informed that he has known Oscar Felt for a number of years and is known at the Felt residence, 16534 Stoepel Avenue, where he has been a few times in the past. When questioned regarding the instant matter, he informed he had no information in that regard and that it was his opinion, from his observation of Felt and information concerning his friends and associates, that no members of any gang had been associating with Oscar Felt as he was not that type of individual. However, Mr. Reed referred Agent to a brother-in-law of Oscar Felt,

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one Dick Welch, who did not like the Felt family, as one who would give reliable information in this matter. Mr. Reed also promised to make discreet inquiries of Felt and observations at the Felt home for possible information of Subject Harry Campbell and to inform Agent of the results. He subsequently advised that he had done so and was satisfied in his own mind that any information to the effect that Oscar Felt was then associating with any member of the Karpis gang and particularly Subject Harry Campbell was in error.

Richard Welch, 9362 Corbin, Telephone Northlawn 3537, was interviewed and he advised that he is the son-in-law of George Felt, uncle of Oscar Felt, and, when exhibited a photograph of Subject Harry Campbell and the Karpis gang, he informed immediately that he had never observed that individual at the Felt home or in company with Oscar Felt; that Oscar Felt is presently residing with his wife at 16534 Stoepel Avenue and is contemplating returning to Evansville, Wyoming, on April 20, 1934, to again make his permanent home there.

Oscar Felt, 16534 Stoepel Avenue, was interviewed at his place of employment and he informed that he was raised near Casper, Wyoming, and that he was formerly mayor of Evansville, Wyoming, where he resided until 18 months or two years ago. That about 12 years ago he was operating a restaurant in Evansville, Wyoming, which was also used as a bus station by a man named Welsh, who operated a bus line between Evansville and Casper, Wyoming, and that Subject Campbell, whom he identified from a photograph of that individual exhibited to him, was a driver of one of these buses; that the bus operator, Welsh, had several daughters, one of whom was a school teacher by the name of Irene, who was at that time employed in the Casper High School and that she and Subject Campbell were very close friends; that the Welsh family is absolutely reliable and if approached in this matter, would without hesitation give any information in their possession.

Oscar Felt seemed very sincere and frank during the course of this interview and informed that he was departing on April 21, 1934, via automobile, for Evansville, Wyoming, where he intends to again run for Mayor and make that city his permanent residence; that he has not seen Subject Campbell since a short time before he left Evansville, Wyoming, and that upon his return to that city, he will exert every effort at his command to obtain information through contacts there of the present whereabouts of Subject Campbell and will inform of the results thereof immediately. He was furnished with the address of the Salt Lake City and Detroit Division Offices but stated that inasmuch as he was known in Detroit, he preferred to communicate with this office.

Oscar Felt admitted that he was under suspicion by the Prohibition Department in Evansville, Wyoming, as being connected with a prohibition conspiracy matter and that, following his return to Detroit about 18 months ago,



he was again arrested at his father's home, which was being used as a blind pig and that he was fined \$100.00 and costs by State authorities and released.

When questioned as to further information concerning Subject Campbell, Oscar Felt informed that he knew nothing of particular value concerning that individual and that he became acquainted with him merely because his restaurant was used as a bus station and that occasionally Subject Harry Campbell had a few meals in that restaurant, at which times they had short conversations; that he understood Subject Campbell had been employed for a time in some oil field near Casper, Wyoming, but knew nothing concerning any injuries and that Campbell married some run-away girl in Wyoming several years ago, who was thought to have been from Tulsa, Oklahoma. However, in this regard he was unable to give any definite details. Oscar Felt further informed that the photograph of Subject Harry Campbell contained in the group photograph of the members of the Karpis gang was very poor and that he looked considerably older.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Salt Lake City Office at EVANSVILLE, WYOMING, after May 1, 1934, will interview Oscar Felt, King Street, former Mayor of that city, discreetly for such information as he may have been able to obtain concerning Subject Harry Campbell. It is to be noted that Oscar Felt has been informed that an agent no doubt will call upon him shortly following his return to Evansville.

The Detroit Office at TOLEDO, OHIO, through Detective George Stevenson, Auto Detail, Police Department, and Lyman D. Arnold of Lyman D. Arnold, Incorporated, Ford Dealers, 1002 Adams Street, will continue efforts to locate individual known to Lyman D. Arnold as C. W. Woods and, when located, he should be questioned for his connection with T. C. Blackburn, the registerer of a Ford V-8 and Buick Sedan.

Will ascertain the identity of those individuals who registered cars Nos. 1, 6, 7, 9, 18, 20, 21, 33, 34, 12, 19, 24, 26, 27, 28, 35 and 38, as reflected in the body of the report of Special Agent H. D. Harris dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 4, 1934. In that connection, letters are being addressed to Postmasters of the respective cities, in which the owners of cars Nos. 1, 6, 12, 19, 26, 27 and 35 are residing.

Will determine the identity of the owners of cars Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, as reflected in the body of instant report. It is felt that appropriate inquiries can be made concerning cars Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 18 by letter.

The New York Office at ROME, NEW YORK, will ascertain the identity of C. E. Moore, 700 W. Thomas Street, who registered car No. 20 in the State of Michigan on May 25, 1933, determining if he is the subject of the instant case.

The Chicago Office will make appropriate investigation as to the owners of cars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 11 as outlined in the body of instant report to determine if they are subjects of this case.

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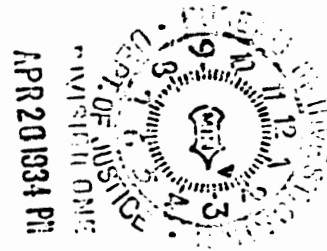


**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

April 18, 1934.



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin<sup>o</sup> Karpis, with aliases, I. O.  
#1218; Arthur R.<sup>o</sup> Barker, with aliases,  
I. O. #1219, et al; Edward George  
Bremer, Victim. Kidnaping.

With regard to the above matter, it is my opinion that it would be extremely desirable to have two copies of all reports from the various Field Offices furnished to the Chicago Office. In the event the Division agrees with this, it is requested that all Field Offices be instructed to furnish the Chicago Office with two copies.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Furvis*

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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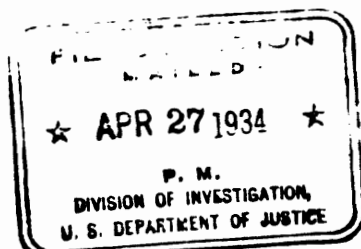
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 18, 1934,  
in the above entitled case, wherein you suggest that two copies  
of all reports written by the various field offices in the above  
entitled case be furnished your office.

It appears that Inspector Glegg has already instructed  
all of the field offices of the Division to forward two copies of  
all reports to your office in accordance with your suggestion and,  
therefore, it will not be necessary for the Division to issue  
the instructions as requested by you.

Very truly yours,



Director.

CC Inspector Glegg (St. Paul)

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/18/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/29/34	REPORT MADE BY: K. E. MCINTIRE
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Photographs of women believed associating with the Karpis-Barker gang displayed to Elmer Kucera, Fox River Grove, Illinois, but he failed to identify any of them.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent W. C. Ryan, Chicago, dated March 29, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At Fox River Grove, Illinois</p> <p>This report is composed of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan, covering further work at Fox River Grove, Illinois:--</p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Ryan on March 29, 1934:</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At Fox River Grove, Illinois, Agent interviewed Elmer Kucera, Fox River Grove Motor Sales, and exhibited to him the following additional photographs:--</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dorothy Dodd, Bertha Engler, Jewell Johnson, Paula Harmon,</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. C. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Billie Fitch,  
Jo Ann Armour,  
Dorothy Slayman,  
Maurice Brown,  
Herman Kierdorf,  
William Weisman.

He failed to identify any of the women as those who accompanied the three men who stayed at Louis' Place during the latter part of November and the first part of December, 1933. He also failed to recognize the photographs of the men as parties ever having been seen by him in Fox River Grove.

Mr. Kucera further advised that on the evening of March 27, 1934, he had asked Louis Cernocky relative to the three men who had stayed at his place, with the Buick Sedan carrying Nevada license, advising Louis that he would like to send them a bill for a battery they failed to pay for. He said that Louis advised him that he could not recall these parties and appeared very wary and did not appear to want to discuss these people with him. Kucera stated that he will make a further effort to get additional information concerning these parties by making inquiry of a young red-headed fellow, who works for Cernocky and he feels that he might get some results from this source. Kucera advised that this red-headed fellow would not furnish information if he thought it were for law enforcement officials.

With reference to the information furnished by Kucera that a woman resembling KATE BARKER had inquired of him the way to Spring Grove, Illinois on two occasions prior to March 15, 1934, and that this woman was driving a Pontiac Sedan and accompanied by a small boy and that he had directed them to McHenry, Illinois for further information, it was ascertained by Agent on March 30, 1934, at McHenry, Illinois that M. J. Walsh, Standard Oil Filling Station attendant at the intersection of State Routes 19 and 20 at McHenry, Illinois, recalls such a woman inquiring the way to Spring Grove, about March 15th. He recalls that she was driving an old Pontiac sedan and was accompanied by a small boy. Mr. Walsh said he directed this woman to take the first dirt road to the left across the creek, north of McHenry. He could not recall the woman's features and stated he could not identify the picture of KATE BARKER as the same woman.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE - At Fox River Grove, Illinois, will, in the near future, again interview Elmer Kucera for such further information as he has been able to learn through Louis Cernocky.

PENDING.

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

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TWENTY THIRD ADVISES VETTERLI IS LEAVING RENO TODAY AND OF  
OPINION UNNECESSARY GERE TO REMAIN RENO AS INVESTIGATION  
COMPLETED AND AGENT FORTENBERRY COVERING STOP DOWD HAS  
ASSIGNED CASES FOR GERES ATTENTION IN WYOMING AND COLORADO  
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DISCONTINUANCE OF GERES RENO ASSIGNMENT=

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MR. TOLSON  
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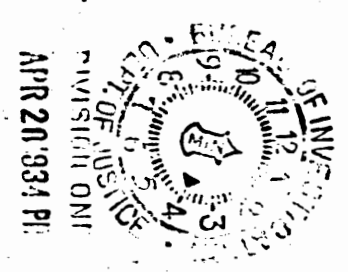
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Mr. Vetterli at the Golden Hotel in Reno, Nevada, and advised that he should remain in Reno until he received further orders and that it was the present plan to send undercover men to Reno and that he should be there upon their arrival in order that they might have the benefit of the information obtained by him. Mr. Vetterli stated that he doubted whether undercover men could function in Reno without their identities becoming known, in that considerable publicity had been given to the disappearance of Frisch and that any stranger arriving in town was immediately spotted as a suspicious character. He stated that probably in about thirty days after the excitement of the Frisch disappearance had quieted down an undercover man might be able to work to advantage. I told Mr. Vetterli that he should, at any rate, remain at Reno until he heard further from the Division.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minnesota

FILE NO. 7-12

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/17/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/13/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I. O. #1219, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> The Murphy MacLay Hardware Company, Great Falls, Montana, had two pair of "Cesco" M. &amp; L. Goggles, one still in their possession and the other accounted for to a known person. P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter of Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, Chicago, March 31, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><b>At Great Falls, Montana:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. Earl Luther, in charge of the section of the Murphy MacLay Hardware Company, Great Falls, in which goggles are kept, advised Agent that they had but one of these "Cesco" M. &amp; L. Goggles which was shipped to them as a sample and showed same to Agent. When shown the listing that two of these had been sent his company, he called Mr. William Hawthorne and asked if he had sold a pair of these goggles. Mr. Hawthorne remembered that he had done so something like a year ago, he thought, and told Agent that it was to a welder who lives near Carter, Montana, whose name is Sward Figer, as he spelled it. He stated that he knows this welder well and has seen him a number of times since. He recalls the sale because the purchaser wished to buy a pair of goggles which would fit over his glasses and these were the only ones which would do so in stock. He was certain that he knows the purchaser well and that he is a reputable resident of the little town of Carter, out from Great Falls.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><b>UNDEVELOPED LEAD:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>The BUTTE OFFICE:</b> At Billings, Montana, will make inquiry of the Hines Motor Supply Company, who have received nine pair of these goggles, according to the list furnished, since September, 1931, but none since 1931.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. H. Dickason</i> D. H. Dickason SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">1-576-1712</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">APR 20 1934 AM</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">APR 20 1934</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">APR 20 1934</p>	
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

April 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

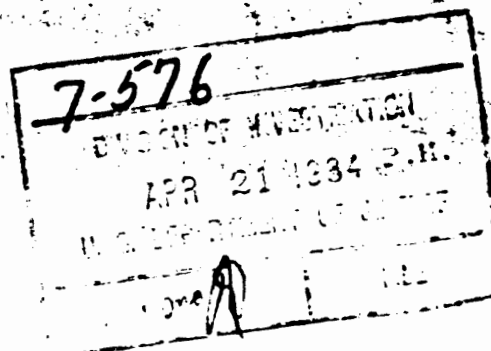
Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
1218, et al. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to information received by telephone from your office to the effect that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis have been identified as occupants of a Graham automobile which passed through Topeka, Kansas, on the night of April 14, 1934. The license number furnished by you was 1934 California No. 6-C-189. Information has been received from the San Francisco and the Los Angeles offices that this license number was issued to Mrs. L. B. Decker of Felton, California, for Ford Coupe; that she gave this car to her son; and that this car, bearing the license number furnished by you, is still in the possession of the daughter of the original registrant and the license tags were on this car as of April 16, 1934.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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April 18, 1934



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H H CLEGG

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

April 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al;  
Arthur R. Barker, with  
aliases, et al; JAMES EARL RAY,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

It has occurred to me that it is possible that some field  
offices have not furnished the Chicago Office with copies of reports  
in the above case, inasmuch as St. Paul is the Office of Origin.  
It is, therefore, suggested that you review the files in the Bremer  
Case at St. Paul, in order to determine that the Chicago Office has  
copies of all reports containing information which would be of value  
here in the investigation. Of course, there will doubtless be reports  
which contain negative information and which would not even furnish  
any background information, and it will not be necessary that the  
Chicago Office be furnished with such information. However, in view  
of the intensive investigative activity to be further undertaken here,  
it is my opinion that the Chicago Office should have this information.  
In the event you find that it has not been previously furnished here,

Very truly yours,

H. H. HURVIE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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518 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

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April 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218,  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.  
#1219, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

While the writer was at Reno recently, a check was made at the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, to see if, per chance, any wires were sent out by any of the known Subjects, and although a thorough search was conducted, no wires were located.

However, while the search was being made, I instructed the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies to pull from their files wires either received by, or sent by William J. Graham and J. C. McKay, or charged to their accounts, and also wires received by or sent by William Golder, who has been mentioned as a suspect in the Frisch case. I secured the wires of these parties because it was reported they were associated with the Bremer kidnaping.

Some of the wires in question have already been incorporated in previous reports. However, those that have not been incorporated are attached hereto. A list is being forwarded to the St. Paul, Salt Lake City, and Division, and a copy of the list is being retained at the San Francisco office. It may be possible that at some future date the data which is incorporated in the attached list might possibly serve as a connecting link between Graham, McKay, and the Bremer kidnaping.

Incidentally, these wires were secured in the strictest confidence, and this matter should, of course, be kept confidential.

Very truly yours,  
JUN 10 1934  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

c.c. Division  
c.c. Salt Lake City.

R. V. VITELLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH WIRE SENT BY J.C. MCKAY FROM RENO, NEVADA

Undated wire to:

Father Mc Coughlin, 16th and Forest Hill Blvd., Oakland, Cal.

" Important to leave here before Tuesday or Wednesday as I want to stay for five or six days will let you know when I will arrive."

J.C. McKay.

November 10th, 1933.

Mrs. W.S. Hobart,

San Mateo, California.

"Have just been notified of your bereavement wish to extend our sincere sympathy to yourself and family"

Jim McKay.

December 24th, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey,

Barber Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

"Mrs. and Zelma joins me in wishing you and Hanna a Merry Christmas and a ~~very~~ prosperous New Year always your pal"

J.C. McKay.

December 24th, 1933.

Mr. Frank Frost,

123 West 57th St., Apt. 1508,

New York City, N.Y.

"Christmas Greetings"

J.C. McKay.

December 24, 1933.

Harry Newman,

200 West 54th Street,

New York City, N.Y.

"Christmas Greetings"

J.C. McKay.

December 28th, 1933.

Jack Dempsey,

Barton or Barber Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal.

"Florence Zelma and myself will arrive there in morning leaving now make reservations two bedrooms and parlor get me two tickets for game dont wait for me you go to San Diego will see you when you return."

Jim.

January 25th, 1934.  
L.G. West, 267 Staples Avenue,  
San Francisco, Cal.

"My partner is out of town will get in touch with you when he returns".  
J.C. McKay

Following wire sent to J.C. McKay Park Central Hotel, New York City on  
February 16th, 1934.

"Telegram received Zalma and I are fine"

Florence.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH WIRES SENT BY BILL GRAHAM FROM Reno, NEVADA.

Undated wire to Bones Banner,  
112 South Eldorado, Stockton, Cal.  
"Will let you know later as I am very busy today with Henry Clay"  
Bill

Undated wire to Tommy O'Keefe,  
Yeadon, Penn.  
"Tommy everything will be moving Monday as I will be there and take  
good care dont worry regards to all".  
Bill Graham.

Undated wire to Chas. W. Stills,  
6947 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, Cal.  
"Have furniture packed for shipping I will be down in few days".  
W.J. Graham.

Undated wire to Mose Barnett,  
910 Penn., Avenue, North,  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
"Call me tonight at seven-thirty my time"  
Bill

September 17th, 1933  
Sam Kentivorty,  
1333 1/2 Third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.  
"Sam those two are dead ones will see you in city in one week and  
I will get them together"  
Bill Graham.

September 19th, 1933.  
Leonard Sacks,  
La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.  
"I told you that the Kingfish would be champion someday regards to  
Lena tell King to keep the good work up".  
Bill Graham.

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September 20th, 1933.

September 20th, 1933.

E.W. Griffith, c/o Jack Dempsey,  
Barbara Hotel, Los Angeles.

"Griff call Fred Martin Exposition 3539 after 2 P.M."

Bill Graham.

September 22, 1933.

Bill Donovan,  
153 East Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

"Write me his phone and address".

Bill Graham.

October 1, 1933.

Catherine Ryan Wright,  
409 15th St., Modesto, Cal.

"I cannot place you also things are very bad here at present  
banks are still closed".

Bill Graham.

October 27th 1933.

Ben Serlis,  
Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco.

"Ben cannot be there will see you Monday take care of Jake".

Bill Graham.

October 31st, 1933.

E. Rammer,  
365 Palm Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

"Bones just arrived from Sacramento will send stock tomorrow  
you can call me at my home tonight at seven or later".

Bill

November 8th, 1933.

B.C. Hobst,  
251 Ashbury, San Francisco, Cal.

"Am well stocked at present will drop in and see you when I go to city".

Bill Graham.

November 8th, 1933.

Walter Jennings,  
Hotel Clumie, Sacramento, Cal.

"Will be pleased to take care of case also will take trip sometime on the  
boat as after two trips will own the boat".

Bill Graham.

November 18th 1933.

Charles Valpey,  
241 Bartlett, San Francisco, Cal.

"Have taken care of papers for a job"

W. Graham.

December 2, 1933.

E. Rammer, Wa. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco.

"Wire me when you are coming as I have to have action".

Bill.

December 6th, 1933.  
Edna Gursich,  
Senator Hotel, Sacramento, Cal.  
"Will arrive twelve tonight".

Bill

December 12th, 1933.  
Mrs. F. Graham,  
548 Cal. Street, Reno.  
"Stopping at Palace order flowers for Mayor Roberts ring up the bar  
and tell them where we are stopping".

Bill

(Sent from San Francisco)

December 25th, 1933.  
Art Zeller,  
Golden Hotel, Reno.  
"Wish you a merry Christmas."

Mr. Mayer and Bill Graham,  
Hotel Sir Francis Drake.  
(Sent from San Francisco)

January 2, 1934  
Jack Woolley,  
Owen D'Alene Hotel,  
Spokane, Washington.  
"Jack just got back will look around and try and get party for you".

Bill Graham.

January 9th, 1934  
Mrs. Pearl Hare,  
830 Hyde Street, Apt. 14, San Francisco.  
"Received your letter will be down soon and will call your mother.  
hope mother is feeling better."

Bill Graham.

January 30th, 1934  
Ben Siegel,  
Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Apt. 30, New York City, N.Y.  
"W. Golder is stopping at Vista La Arroyo Hotel, Pasadena."

Bill Graham.

January 30th, 1934  
John Sylvester,  
Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco.  
"John hold tickets six tickets for me will be there Sunday".

Bill Graham.

February 12th, 1934.  
Tommy O'Keefe,  
909 Church Lane, Teadon, Penn.  
"Just returned home did you receive my wire Saturday the dog left  
Saturday also furniture everything in good shape am leaving here for  
New York will see you in a week."

Bill Graham.



WIRE'S SENT TO BILL GRAHAM FROM RENO, NEVADA, AND OTHER POINTS.

October 20th, 1933

Bill Graham,

Rex Club, Reno, Nevada.

"Am going to open new room Californian Hotel Bldg. facing new Postoffice eighth and (?) Streets to open first November am short about 150 try help me will pay any present you want sorry to ask this but your only one I would ask in Reno regards."

Scottie Weaver, Sacramento, Cal.

October 20th, 1933.

A money transfer for \$1000 from J.B. Sullivan at Reno to Mr. Graham care Mr. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco.

November 2, 1933.

Bill Graham,

Reno, Nevada.

"Don't send party things too quiet hope things are good with you"

J. Woolley, Spokane, Washington.

November 14th, 1933.

Bill Graham

20 Douglas Alley, Reno, Nev.

"Phone me after ten o'clock Reno time"

O.H. Mayer, New York City.

November 15th, 1933

Bill Graham,

Rex Club Reno.

"Little Heal in fourth is very good"

Frankie, San Francisco.

November 23, 1933

Bill Graham,

Rex Club, Reno.

"Party Los Angeles leaving today stopping Saint Paul Hotel"

Eddie, San Francisco.

January 12th, 1934

Bill Graham,

Rex Club, Reno.

"Dear Bill Two Tommys and Willie and rest of boys away returning Wednesday need two hundred to straighten out jam will wire money back to you Wednesday or Thursday everybody away from here. Important many thanks regards"

Leonard B. Sacks, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago.

January 24, 1934.

Bill Graham,

c/o Bank Club, Reno.

"Dear Bill no doubt you are very busy and I hate to trouble you but I am anxious to know something in regard to the furniture please wire me via postal telegraph and let me know."

Tommy O'Keefe, Yeadon, Penna.

January 29th, 1934  
Bill Graham,  
Bank Club, Reno.  
"Mac has decided to stay here many thanks for all your trouble.  
will wire later".

Sam O'Keefe, Philadelphia, Penna.

February 5, 1934

Bill Graham,

Wm. Taylor, Hotel,

San Francisco, Cal.

"Please let me know soon as possible what you found out will have to hurry.  
I will be at the Rex Bar early in the morning and wait am pressed for  
time respectfully".

Gibbons, Reno, Nevada.

February 12th, 1934.

Bill Graham,

c/o Postal Telegraph Co., Reno, Nevada.

"Received both wires glad to hear everything shipped all right hope to see  
you soon wire me when you arrive best regards from all".

Sam O'Keefe, Philadelphia.

February 11st, 1934.

W.J. Graham,

Park Central Hotel, New York City.

"Wire what time I can call Jim and you everything O.K."

Sam, room 406 Riverside Hotel, Reno.

February 22, 1934.

W. J. Graham,

Park Central Hotel, New York City.

"Mose wired from Minneapolis wants number where he can phone you did not  
send address conditions same here as when you left."

Cliff, Rex Club, Reno.

February 27th 1934

W.J. Graham,

Park Central Hotel, NYU.

"Hello Bill Lights out at the Rex pension discontinued for all employees  
we all are boarding with Honest John say hello to Nick and Jim for us  
hurry home must have new spread. Pan Quengus has me ground in what is the  
matter no wires on horses our headquarters at the bank club day and night."

Cliff and Pete, Reno, Nevada.

March 19th, 1934.

W. Graham at Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco was wire \$500 by Jack  
Sullivan from Reno, Nevada.



## MISCELLANEOUS

TELEGRAMS SENT TO AND FROM RENO, NEVADA.

January 1, 1933..the following wire was charged to the account of Bill Graham at Postal Telegraph Co. Reno.

Mrs. Rippe and Mrs. Lind,

SS. President Coolidge...radio from San Francisco.

"Hope Peggy received candy and she missed a wonderful opportunity will not miss the boat next time Happy New Year."

Charlie Mayers

The following wires were sent to one Wm. Golder a suspect in the Frisch Kidnapping Case and Golder is a close friend of Graham and Malley.

February 6th, 1934

William Golder,

Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, Cal.

"My party did not come today. Will let you know."

Art.

February 7th, 1934

William Golder,

Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, Cal.

"George came here and will wait here for you."

Art.

March 3, 1934

William Golder,

Belmont Apts., Reno, Nevada.

"Party you asked about did not return gave Bill thousand for you He will call Sullivan to give it to you Best regards to all from all."

Frank. (New York)

March 12th, 1934

William Golder

Belmont Apts., Reno, Nevada.

"Will phone you eight-thirty your time tonight."

Frank (New York City)

Following wire was charged to the telephone listed in the name of William Golder at Reno, Nevada.

November 21, 1933

Miss (or might be Mrs) Laura Pettier,

43 Burnside Ave., East New Brighton, Staten Island, New York.

"Dear Laura Please have Charlie to call this number right away its very very important Reno 7513".

Mac

Des Moines, Ia.

April 19, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clogg,  
Division of Investigation  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al  
Edward George Bremer - victim  
Kidnaping. K.C. File 27-37

Dear Sir:

Continuing my investigation on the above matter,

[redacted] advised me that a family by the name of Lane Shepard, formerly lived at this address for about four years, and moved out during January 1934. Then a Mrs. Alice Phonsant moved in, and while [redacted] the date as 4/10/34, the carrier on second thought believes this should be 3/10/34. He does not know when Baby Jones arrived, but to the best of his recollection, [redacted] in about the three weeks that she has been there. He has never seen her, but he has seen Mrs. Phonsant, and describes her as a woman about 50 years of age, slender, and about 5'6" tall. I looked over this place, and it is a nice little brick house, in the residential section of the city. The 2300 and 2400 blocks run together, and on the even number side of the street there are about nine houses in the block, and on the odd number side there are but four, and 2315 is the first house from the corner. I have asked [redacted] to observe carefully what goes on here and to jot down any automobile license numbers seen in the vicinity of this house.

I further learned to day that the large photograph of the little girl is of Myrtle Winnie Eaton, the daughter of Charles Eaton, 1609 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, born 12/30/21. She was in kindergarten the first year at the McKinley Public School, S.E. 6th and Jackson St., her second and third year were spent with "Uncle Doc and Aunt Mort" in St. Paul where she attended a parochial school. This was between January 1929 and September 1931. In January of this year she entered the Lincoln Junior High School, S.W. 9th and Loomis Streets. She is at present living at home. Her father Charles Eaton is the one who has about 18 children, and they are so far as my informant could advise, Bessie, Jesse, Donald, Helen, Dorothy, Letha, Winnie, Frank, Charlie, Hazel, and a younger one. The girl Letha lives with her Aunt Winnie Eaton, the wife of "Candy" Eaton, at 2706 S.E. 6th Street. I have been unable as yet to identify the snapshots of "Grandpa, [redacted], and Junior [redacted]."

In a previous letter I advised that Myrtle Eaton was supposed to be married to a respectable business man in St. Paul, by [redacted]

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in error, and now advises me that the man to whom she is married is Andy  
Botwiner.

Very truly yours,

cc-Letter to City  
Division ✓

O. C. Dewey,  
Special Agent.

Kirkwood Hotel,  
Des Moines, Ia.  
April 18, 1934.

Mr. Hugh Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al  
I.O. #1218; Unknown subjects.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping - K.C. File #7-57

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 16, 1934, and supplementing my letter to you of the same date on the above captioned matter, I have secured the following information.

In my previous letter I advised you that Myrtle Eaton is the former wife of Clarence "Doc" Eaton, formerly of Des Moines. Myrtle Eaton was arrested in Des Moines as Myrtle King #6806 in 1927 for investigation. She was associating with Andy Rottinger, alias Andy King of St. Paul at that time. Myrtle was later arrested by the Minneapolis Police as Ruth Martin #23115 on 2/27/30 on charges of grand larceny; as Sue Bond #22402 by the St. Paul Police on 12/9/30 on charges of shop lifting, and as Alice Martin #5606 by the Des Moines Police on 12/29/31. I am enclosing a picture of her for you, and likewise sending one to the Kansas City Office.

I have made several inquiries and have had some leads for me, but I am unable to learn that Myrtle is in town. She will more than likely stay with her sister, Winnie Eaton, at 2706 J.E. Gar street, or if she has money, at the Northwestern Hotel, 517 E. Walnut. This latter place is a second rate hotel operated by Otto Sturtevant who is not considered reliable, but if information is desired from there, I believe I can obtain it.

I have checked the address 805 E. Granger Street, Des Moines, and find this is the home of Jesse and Erskine Eaton, who has several children and is part of this same Eaton outfit. This address is in a very poor part of town on the border of what is generally referred to as "Little Italy". From your letter it would appear that "Winnie Winkle" is his daughter and attends St. Joseph's Academy. I interviewed Sister Mary Magdalene at this Academy, 3000 Grand Avenue, and she searched her records of both the boarders and the day pupils and advises she has no children by the name of Eaton. She knew none by the name of Winnie, or Winnie Winkle, and was unable to identify the photo of the little girl, who is apparently a child dancer, as any of the records. She stated that this school is located in the exclusive section of Des Moines and it is rather unlikely that a child from across the tracks

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would attend this school. The Sister advised me that there is a St. Joseph's School at Ottumwa, Ia. which is about 90 miles from Des Moines, and it has occurred to me that possibly the child sent the letter to the family to be addressed and is therefore postmarked Des Moines.

Charles A. Eaton and wife Nellie, whose occupation is that of a farmer, resides at 1609 S.E. 14th Street. He has about 14 kids so I was just informed. A girl Dorothy is a waitress in a local restaurant, another girl Helen is a cook in the White Front Cafe, 803 E. Walnut St. several are married and have moved away from town.

Vinnie Eaton, the former wife of "Candy" Eaton, resides at 1706 S.E. 14th Street, Des Moines, and when a young girl she hustled on the East side of Des Moines. Later when she married "Candy" she ran a house, and when he died, she started living with Charles "Chuck" Conlan, who was Eaton's right hand man. Conlan now operates a drug store at 627 Grand Avenue, Des Moines.

Regarding the large photograph you sent me of Elsie McKinley, I had two different parties identify it as Elsie McKinley. Each had known this girl from childhood, and one advised that I could find an identical picture at the home of Nell Green, here in Des Moines. She was arrested here in Des Moines as Alice Parrish, #1145 in 1927 together with Tony the Top, Norman Porter, and Gale Johnson, on a charge of possession of burglary tools. All of them were convicted, but the Parrish woman appealed her case, won and the case was never retried. She was arrested as Mac Miller, # by the Minneapolis Police on 2/27/30 on charges of grand larceny; and was likewise arrested by the St. Paul Police as Imogene Wilson #2401 on 12/9/30 on charges of shop lifting. You will note that Elsie and Myrtle were apparently arrested together by the St. Paul Police. Elsie McKinley was seen in town just a few days ago, she is living with a Jimmy Murphy, a gambler and bootlegger. Murphy has been pointed out to me at the Club Bolvidere, here in Des Moines, where he operates a gambling table. b7c

In my letter to Mr. E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Mo. dated Feb. 15, 1934, on the Bremer kidnapping matter, I have set forth a list of the better known gangsters in Des Moines, all of these are associates of Dewey Berlovich, who operates the Sportsman's Club. In connection with Andy Rothmeyer, he was in town at about the same time as Jack Klutas was here in 1927, and he had with him a large fellow from St. Paul, whom I was advised at one time was a man named Von Houghtman, or Hantman. This man should be considered in this outfit as he is from St. Paul.

Since writing the above, I have been out to a joint on the south side, and was advised that Myrtle Eaton and her fellow were in town April 7, 1934, and came down from St. Paul with "Big Marie" and her man. It is thought that they returned to St. Paul, but I will find out definitely in the next day or so. Big Marie, is a girl in her early twenties who weighs about



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340 lbs. She formerly hustled here, but is now in St. Paul doing her business. It is possible that the Police in the twin cities might know her. I will also try to find out her name here.

Any additional information I secure, I will immediately forward it to you.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey,  
Special Agent.

cc - Kansas City  
Division ✓



1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 21, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503A U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82.

Reference is made to your letter of March  
29, 1934, with which you enclosed the fingerprints of  
HOMER VIRGIL WILSON and M. H. MEAD, which were secured  
from the Denver Police Department.

I am herewith returning said fingerprints  
to you as requested.

Very truly yours,

KRM:TMH  
CC:Division,  
St. Paul.

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 20, 1934

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Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1219; et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Please refer to the report of Special Agent W. E. Ramsey, San Francisco, April 8, 1934, in which it is noted that a photostatic copy of the signature of E. L. BURNES was furnished to the Saint Paul Office and all offices receiving copies of that report.

The report did not indicate the number of copies which were furnished the Saint Paul Office and it is, therefore, requested that this office be advised as to the number of copies furnished Saint Paul. It is deemed advisable that sufficient copies be made so that one copy can be issued to each Agent working on this case.

In the event sufficient copies have not been furnished you, this office will provide you with such as are needed.

Very truly yours,

KRM:BNH  
CC:Division  
San Francisco  
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M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

APR 11 1934

Postmaster  
Waterman, Washington

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining confidential information concerning one C. E. Moore of Waterman, who registered a Chevrolet Sedan, 1929 model, in the state of Washington. Please be advised that Moore is not suspected of nor charged with the commission of any crime.

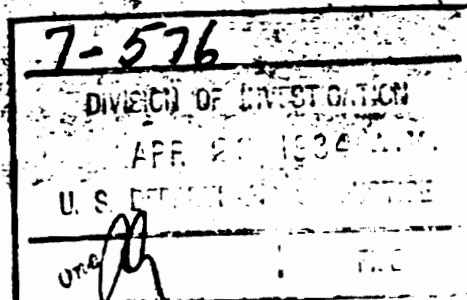
Kindly advise as to how long Moore has received mail through the Waterman Post Office and whether he is known to you and, if so, the length of time. Please treat this matter confidentially.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division



P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

April 18, 1934

APR 24 1934 AM

Postmaster  
Otis Orchards, Washington

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining confidential information concerning one Harry Campbell of Otis Orchards, who registered a Whippet Coach, 1928 model, in the state of Washington. Please be advised that Campbell is not suspected of nor charged with the commission of any crime.

Kindly advise as to how long Campbell has received mail through the Otis Orchards Post Office and whether he is known to you and, if so, the length of time. Please treat this matter confidentially.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 20, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1219; et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Please refer to the report of Special Agent  
in Charge R. E. Vetterli, Salt Lake City, April 8, 1934,  
on page two of which it is stated that the signatures  
of those Subjects who were located in Reno, Nevada some-  
time ago, were all forwarded to the Saint Paul Office.

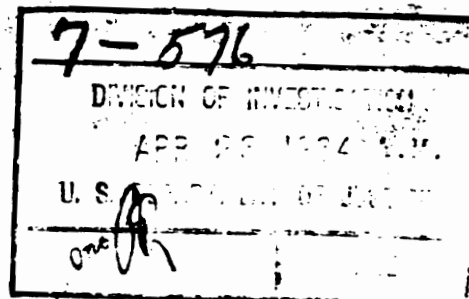
In this connection, reference is also made  
to the letter of the Chicago Office to you, dated March  
24, 1934.

Please consider the advisability of forwarding  
to this office the signatures in question, so that they  
may be photostated and all interested offices furnished  
with sufficient copies of same so that Agents working on  
this case may be properly equipped.

Very truly yours,

KRM:BNH  
CC:Division  
Salt Lake  
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M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge



P. C. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

April 18, 1934

Postmaster  
Kahlotus, Washington

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of obtaining confidential information concerning one Harry Campbell of Kahlotus, who registered a Ford Coupe, 1928 model, in the state of Washington. Please be advised that Campbell is not suspected of nor charged with the commission of any crime.

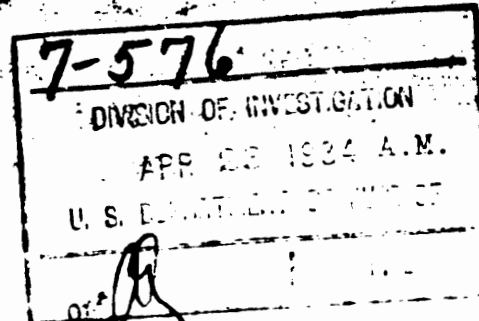
Kindly advise as to how long Campbell has received mail through the Kahlotus Post Office and whether he is known to you and, if so, the length of time. Please treat this matter confidentially.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division ✓





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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 20, 1934

Postmaster,  
Mammoth Spring, Arkansas.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.  
#1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a very important investigation being conducted by this office, we are desirous of locating Phoenix Donald, with the following aliases: Bill Scott, P. O. Donald, Phoenix O'Donald, R. A. Donald, R. A. Nelson, and William Weaver; Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14993. While we only want to locate Donald for the purpose of questioning him in this matter, it is concerning a very important case and it is therefore respectfully requested that you handle the matter in a most confidential manner. If you have any information concerning the location of this person, it will be greatly appreciated if you will advise this office in the matter.

Will you kindly place a cover on the mail of Donald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Donald, and his sister, Mrs. Nellie Donald, Mammoth Spring, Ark. and send a tracing of each first class piece of mail received by them to this office for a period of thirty days. When making replies, kindly mention Oklahoma City File No. 7-36.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

HARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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APR 24 1934

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

April 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

It is requested that, in the future, copies of all  
communications in the above case be furnished to the Chicago  
Division Office.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division  
CC Each Division Office

H.H.CLEGG, INSPECTOR,

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Suite L, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
April 19, 1934

APR 23 1934 AM

Mr. H. H. Clegg  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218  
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219,  
et al  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Division letter of February 12, 1934, concerning, among other things, the latent fingerprint of Arthur R. Barker which was found on one of four gasoline cans discovered near Portage, Wisconsin, subsequent to the release of Edward George Bremer.

In connection therewith, it has occurred to Special Agent H. E. Andersen, of this office, that the cans in question may have been discarded after a bank robbery somewhere in the vicinity of Portage, especially so when consideration is given to the fact that bank mobs frequently carry extra gasoline when making their get-aways. As is known to the Division, these bank mobs in their get-aways often travel considerable distances so a check in the nature that the foregoing suggests would necessarily take in a large radius. This, however, should not be difficult in view of the improbability of many "jobs" having been "pulled" around the time in question.

The foregoing is submitted for your consideration even though it appears that the Division is on the right track insofar as the identities of the kidnapers are concerned. It is realized that if the Karpis-Barker gang participated in a bank robbery while Bremer was held captive, the probability of their being involved in this case would be rather remote.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPURR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dwight Brantley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
April 20, 1934.

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5034 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 27, 1934.

AIR MAIL

Mr. W.A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping - U.S. File # 27.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 22, 1934, in which you refer to a telegram received from this office under date of March 22, 1934, reflecting investigation indicating that the Barker brothers, and Karpis and Davis, and other members of this gang, have been in and out of Reno, Nevada during the past four months. Report of Agent A.R. Gere of this office dated March 22, 1934, in this matter, is more comprehensively reflective of the presence of these people at Reno on past occasions.

In connection with your letter, I wish to advise you that Agent A.R. Gere did not leave Reno at any time to return to this headquarters, and has been continuously at Reno since detailed to that city.

I note that you state that in view of the fact that no previous investigation had been made by this Division in Reno, it is very probable that Barker and Karpis may return to Reno, and that an agent should remain at Reno indefinitely.

Agent Gere of this office, and Agent Sackett of the Los Angeles office are presently at Reno, and I will have both of them remain at Reno until you believe they should be released from that city and return to the respective offices. I am of the opinion that they can properly handle the investigation in this matter at Reno, except should any members of this gang return to Reno, when of course the apprehension of one or more of these persons could not, in my opinion, be effected by agents Gere and Sackett of themselves. Of course they unquestionably have, and could secure at any time, the full cooperation of the Reno, Nevada, Department of Police. However, if it is your desire that one or both of these agents, or some other agent, should remain at Reno indefinitely for the sole purpose of

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being there, should any members of this gang return to Reno, the stay of these agents, or any other agent of the Division at Reno for that purpose would necessarily be for a long period of time, since the return of one or more of these members of the gang is problematical, and the date of their return or returns not definite, and may not occur for many, many months.

I am of the firm opinion that sooner or later some member or members of this gang, will return to Reno. Agent Barrett's report dated March 22, 1934, reflects that they are known to have frequented the Town House and the Rex Saloon, and possibly the Bank Club, the latter a gambling place, and it is probable during the summer months current, they may from time to time visit the Calneva gambling, dining, dancing place and saloon at Lake Tahoe, California, near Reno, all of which places seem to be controlled by William J. Graham, James O. McKay and others at Reno, Nevada, who are prominent in underworld affairs at Reno.

If you are of the opinion that it is worth while for the Division to have representation at Reno for an indefinite period, for the sole purpose of learning if and when one or more members of this gang return to Reno, and for the additional purpose to arrange for their apprehension, it seems logical to me that the agent or agents, and I believe there should be an adequate number of agents, should be agents who have never before operated at any place in Nevada, particularly Reno and Las Vegas. Every member of my personnel is known in Nevada, and so too is Agent Sackett because of his recent activities there. Reno is probably the most logical place to establish contact with one or more members of this gang, and while I do believe that they may not return there for a long period of time, I do believe they will eventually return there, either to reside for a short period, or when passing through from the east to the west coast or vice versa.

I wish you would give consideration to the advisability of delegating an adequate number of skilled agents to Reno for the sole purpose of learning if and when any member or members of this gang appear there, and for the purpose of arranging for their apprehension. The agents should operate under cover in my opinion, and be well acquainted with the handling and operation of fire arms. Too, they should be supplied with a reasonable amount of money whereby they can visit the Town House, the Rex Saloon, the Bank Club, Calneva at Lake Tahoe, and other sporting places in and about Reno because I believe that it is only at these places that the agents will come in contact with one or more members of this gang. They should be agents who can play the part called for, and who can discreetly disassociate themselves with Division affiliation insofar

as all persons are concerned.

I do not believe that any agent or agents of this Division who are known to the authorities and others at Reno, should be assigned to the task, and since the assignment will be one of indefinite tenure I am of the opinion that it should be handled as a special assignment, so that the other business of this office may be handled by its present personnel.

I believe that police cooperation can be secured if and when it becomes necessary to take one or more members of this gang into custody should they appear there. However, it does not appear to me to be prudent for all members of the assignment to contact the police or to be known to the police or other officials there. I believe that one of the agents of this group should make himself known to the authorities and be the only one of the assignment to deal with the authorities, and that all other agents of the assignment should operate strictly under cover and that suitable arrangements be made between the agent of the assignment who is to contact the police, and the other agents on the assignment, so that the authorities and no one else at Reno will know of the presence of any agent but the one heading the detail. This seems advisable to forestall any leak, and to prevent the underworld element from knowing of the presence of the agents there.

While I am unfamiliar with the details of the investigation in this case at the seat of operation, particularly insofar as it relates to any close contact with one or more members of this gang, it does appear worth while to place a special detail at Reno since our investigation clearly shows that several members of this gang are known in and about Reno, and have been there on several occasions in the past. Please let me have your advice concerning the plans suggested.

JAMES A. HONAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

SADW  
cc - Division.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 19, 1934

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Mr. H. H. Clegg, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. 1218, et al.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Confirming telegram of the 18th instant relative to Phoenix Donald, this is to advise that Special Agent T. M. Birch conducted an investigation at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, and has advised this office by memorandum that the records at the State Penitentiary disclosed that Phoenix Donald, alias Bill Scott, alias P. S. Donald, alias Phoenix O'Donald, alias E. A. Donald, alias E. A. Nelson, alias William Weaver, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14993, was received at the above named institution on April 7, 1925 from Creek County, Oklahoma, under life sentence on a charge of murder; that he was paroled to his brother-in-law, W. T. Bowling, on June 20, 1931, Bowling's address at that time being Salem, Arkansas.

The following named persons wrote letters requesting that Phoenix Donald be granted a parole:

Harvey Parnell,	Governor of Arkansas,
C. C. Pressly,	President, Citizens Bank, Mammoth Spring, Ark.,
W. S. Livingston,	Editor, Seminole Evening News, Seminole, Okla.,
O. A. Cargill,	Former Mayor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Senator William	
H.V. Wahlquist,	Mammoth Spring, Arkansas,
O. C. Weathers,	Clerk of Court, Fulton, Arkansas, and
Hal L. Morwood,	Attorney General of Arkansas.

There are enclosed herewith a photograph of Phoenix Donald at the time he entered the State Penitentiary, McAlester, also a photograph purporting to be a likeness of Donald at the present time; however, the authenticity of this is questioned as Special Agent Birch advised that the clerk in the record office at McAlester Penitentiary gave the photograph to him with the statement that he "thought it was a picture of Phoenix Donald." Also the

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signature of Phoenix Donald in pencil, together with his thumb prints thereon, which was obtained from the State Penitentiary at McAlester. Also a copy of the Revocation of Parole signed by Wm. H. Murray, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, dated August 15, 1932; and a copy of a letter from the Director of this Division to the Chief of Police at St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 9, 1932, showing the criminal record of P. O. Donald as disclosed by the files of the Identification Unit of this Division at that time.

The records at the above named institution revealed that at the time Phoenix Donald was received at the Penitentiary his relatives were listed as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Donald	Father and Mother	Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Mrs. Nellie Frazier	Sister	Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Mrs. W. T. Bowling	Sister	Salem, Arkansas
Mrs. Georgia Donald	Wife	Oilton, Oklahoma

At the time Phoenix Donald was received at the above named institution he gave his age as 27 years; religion, none; occupation, clerk and printer; schooling, six years; admitted use of intoxicants and tobacco. While incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, he was employed in the brick yards and twine factory, and was a musician in the prison band.

A list of the correspondents of Phoenix Donald is given as follows:

Ray Frazier, Chief of Police	Friend	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1925
Riley Thornton	Nephew	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1925
Mrs. W. T. Bowling	Sister	Salem, Arkansas	1925-1931
Jack Leverette	Cousin	Old Albuquerque, N.M.	1930
Mrs. M. S. Donald	Mother	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1925-1930
Ruby Bowling	Niece	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1930
W. T. Bowling	Brother-in-law	Salem, Arkansas	1925-1930
Mrs. Georgia Donald	Wife	Newoka, Oklahoma	1925
		Oilton, Oklahoma	1930
American Legion Post	Business	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1930
Pat Giniere	Friend	Norman, Oklahoma	1927
H. G. Thornton	Nephew	Mammoth Spring, Ark.	1926
Eugene Bowling	Nephew	Salem, Arkansas	1926
Jack Dunn	Friend	Ault, Colorado	1925
E. E. Sterling	Friend	Ault, Colorado	1925
H. L. Lewis	Friend	Hearne, Texas	1925
Owen Edwards	Friend	Borger, Texas	1925
Bill Brown	Friend	Ault, Colorado	1925
Oklahoma Publishing Co.	Business	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1925

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The records also reflect that Phoenix Donald is very fond of baseball games, also that he plays several band instruments.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City office be advised if investigation should be conducted among the relatives and friends of Phoenix Donald listed above in the district covered by this office.

Very truly yours,

HARVEY W. SLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

Encl's.

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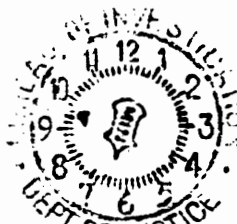
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA  
APRIL 18, 1934



BREKID PHOENIX DONALD STATE PENITENTIARY FOURTEEN NINE NINE THREE RECEIVED APRIL SEVENTH  
TWENTY FIVE LIFE CREEK COUNTY OKLAHOMA MURDER MOTHER MRS M S DONALD SISTER MELLIE FRAZIER  
MAMMOTHSPRINGS ARKANSAS SISTER MRS W T BOWLING SALEM ARKANSAS WIFE GEORGIA DONALD OILTON  
OKLAHOMA CORRESPONDENTS FRIENDS H L LEWIS HEARNE TEXAS OWEN EDWARDS BORGER TEXAS BILL  
BROWN AULT COLORADO PAT GINIERO NORMAN OKLAHOMA JACK DUNN AULT COLORADO E E STERLING AULT  
COLORADO NEPHEWS R C THORNTON RILEY THORNTON EUGENE BOWLING MAMMOTHSPRINGS ARKANSAS PAROLE  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 20, 1934

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Postmaster,  
Oilton, Oklahoma.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.  
#1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Concerning a case which this office has under investigation, we are desirous of contacting one Phoenix Donald for questioning. His wife is Mrs. Georgia Donald and our information is that she is now residing in Oilton, Oklahoma. If you have any information concerning the location of Donald, we shall be pleased to hear from you in regard thereto.

It is further requested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Georgia Donald, Oilton, Oklahoma, and that she be furnished this office.

While we are only desirous of questioning Donald, it is about a very important matter and it is therefore respectfully requested that the matter be handled by you in a most confidential way.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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*[Signature]*

P. O. Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 20, 1934

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APR 24 1934

Postmaster,  
Salem, Arkansas.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O.  
#1218, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a very important investigation being conducted by this office, we are desirous of locating Phoenix Donald for questioning. He is a brother of Mrs. W. T. Bowling of Salem. If you can furnish this office any information concerning the location of Donald, it will be greatly appreciated.

It is further requested that a strictly confidential cover be maintained upon the subject of this investigation. It is requested that the matter be treated in a most confidential manner.

While it is only desired that Donald be contacted for the purpose of being interrogated, it is about a very important matter and it is therefore requested that the matter be treated in a most confidential manner.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this regard, I am

Very truly yours,

HARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California  
April 21, 1934

E. E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY THREE CALIFORNIA LICENSE SIX C EIGHTEEN NINE ISSUED FRANK KRIZO OF TULE LAKE CALIFORNIA ON NINETEEN TWENTY NINE FORD TUDOR MOTOR A DASH FIVE SEVENTEEN FIVE TWO FIVE NO REPORT LOSS OR THEFT OF PLATES STOP TULE LAKE IN INACCESSIBLE PORTION STATE NEAR OREGON LINE STOP TELEPHONIC INQUIRY DEVELOPS KRIZO A BOHEMIAN UNABLE SPEAK ENGLISH STOP INTERPRETER REPORTED RELIABLE ADVISES PLATES SEEN AND STILL IN KRIZOS POSSESSION ADVISE IF DESIRE PERSONAL VERIFICATION BY AGENT.

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U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building, San Francisco

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

518 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, California.

MEM/AP.  
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April 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR H. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your telephone message of April 20th, and confirming my telegram of April 21st:

California 1934 license 2-W-6543 was issued to Hugh Berry, 415 Howard Building, San Francisco, as registered owner; Commercial Discount Company, 340 Pine St., San Francisco, legal owner, for Packard De Luxe "8" Coupe, 1932 model, motor No. 365937, serial No. 859470.

In his application for loan, on file with the Commercial Discount Company, dated March 27, 1934, Hugh Monroe Berry gave his age as 35; height 5'9 1/2"; weight 150 lbs.; complexion dark; hair dark; occupation publicity and advertising; former place of business 88 Front St., Portland; San Francisco residence Gaylord Hotel; references, J. H. Machenne, 88 Front St., Portland; E. Rork, 610 Geary St., San Francisco; mother, Estelle MacKenzie, 826 Front St., Portland.

From investigation it appears that Berry has been in San Francisco since March, this year, coming here from Portland. His reputation at the Gaylord Hotel is good, though little is known of him. He recently checked out, saying he would return in a few weeks.

The address, 415 Howard Building is the office of the Business Telephone Service, used by business men for attention of their telephone calls during their absence, and to which many have their mail addressed. Berry is a subscriber to the service.

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receiving his mail and telephone calls there. He is said to be an advertising man, who is on the road much of the time; pays his bills promptly, and though known but a short time, is considered of good character.

E. Bork, 610 Geary St., San Francisco, named as a reference in Berry's application for the auto loan, is out of the city temporarily.

Berry has been here such a short time, he is little known. Such information as has been obtained indicates he is engaged in a legitimate business. Nothing against his reputation has been found.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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518 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, California.

REV/AP.  
9-33

April 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - I.O. 1218;  
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases - I.O. 1219, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to telephone conversation with Mr. Clegg at St. Paul, and to code wire from the Salt Lake City Office, stating that informant had advised that Subjects in the Bremer Kidnaping Case had been friendly with the widowed daughter of a banker, either a legitimate banker, or a banker at the Bank Club, at Reno, Nevada, and would keep in touch with this girl.

Please be advised that there is only one bank open in Reno at the present time. However, a thorough investigation was made of all legitimate bankers. None of them have a widowed daughter with whom Subjects would contact. In addition, confidential check-up was made of Wingfield, who is a banker and big politician at Reno. His only daughter was married a few days ago in New York City. I understand this was the daughter of his first wife, however.

A check of William Graham, J. C. McKay, Jack Sullivan, Ray Kendall and Harry Bond, all primary figures in the handling of the Bank Club, a gambling joint, at Reno, Nevada, also Police Commissioner Justi, at Reno, who is involved with these individuals, failed to indicate that they had a widowed daughter whom Subjects might contact. In each instance inquiries were also made to ascertain if possibly they had any daughter of the age with whom Subjects might contact. While, of course, the inquiries had to be made guardedly, the information received was all in the negative.

However, this matter is being pursued at Reno at the present time.

For your further information, Mr. Clegg should be advised that a thorough check was made of the airplanes during our remaining stay at Reno, there being three from the East and three from the West each day; no suspicious characters arrived at all. Accordingly Agents checked back over the records at the Airport for several months, but failed to find the names of Subjects, under their correct names or aliases, or any other individuals whose names appeared to be at all suspicious.

Bill Hoover of the de Luxe Taxi Company, 807 N. Virginia St., Reno, who was mentioned in my report of April 11th, and who was the individual frequently called by the woman who lived with Subject Harry Campbell under the name of G. L. Martin, was interviewed. He had no particular information of value, other than that already reported by the owner of the de Luxe Taxi Company. He stated that he called for Mrs. Martin on two or three occasions, and the last day he saw her, which was several months ago, they stopped at various places around town, had a glass of beer or drink, and on each occasion Bill Hoover went into these joints with her, including the Bank Club, and other places, where Mrs. Martin had a highball or a glass of beer, and Bill Hoover joined her in these drinks. Hoover states that Mrs. Martin did not speak to anyone at any of these places, and made no telephone calls, and left owing him a small bill, stating she would see him the next day. Further, that when he left Mrs. Martin, she was slightly intoxicated, and he has not seen her since, and has no idea where the woman or Subjects may be located.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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San Francisco, California, April 22, 1934.

C. C. SPEARS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
PORTLAND OREGON.

BREKID HUGH M. BERRY REGISTERED OWNER PACKARD DE LUXE COUPE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR LICENSE TWO W SIX FIVE FOUR THREE MOTOR THREE SIX THREE NINE THREE SEVEN SERIAL FIVE FIVE NINE FOUR SEVEN NAUGHT LEGAL OWNER COMMERCIAL DISCOUNT COMPANY HERE STOP IN APPLICATION FOR LOAN BERRY GAVE BUSINESS AS PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING FORMER PLACE OF BUSINESS EIGHTY EIGHT FRONT STREET PORTLAND WITH J. H. MACHENNE THAT ADDRESS AS REFERENCE MOTHER ESTELLE MAC-KENZIE THREE TWO SIX FRONT STREET PORTLAND STOP DESCRIPTION THIRTY FIVE HEIGHT FIVE NINE ONE HALF WEIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY HAIR BLACK COMPLEXION DARK HAS BEEN HERE SINCE MARCH THIS YEAR NOT WELL KNOWN REPUTATION APPEARS GOOD.

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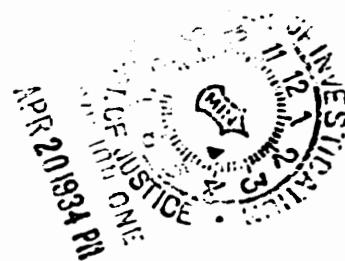
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1934.



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report submitted by Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., dated April 12, 1934, concerning information furnished by Audrey Witcomb, formerly Mrs. Wesley W. Billings, having to do with her contacts with Dutch Jones, Jack Phiefer, and others at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and at the Hollyhocks Inn at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Audrey Witcomb has informed Agent Burruss that while at St. Paul with Dutch Jones, she became acquainted with Virginia Gary, secretary to Otto Bremer. Audrey Witcomb stated that Virginia Gary, who lives at 136 North Lexington Street, St. Paul, met Dutch Jones and Jack Phiefer, and that she undoubtedly can furnish the names of others connected with the underworld at St. Paul. Miss Witcomb stated that she became very friendly with Miss Gary, and it is Miss Witcomb's opinion that Virginia Gary can supply the names of other men whom Miss Witcomb met while at St. Paul. Miss Witcomb stated that she had no objection to her name being used in contacting Virginia Gary.

Very truly yours,

*L. R. Pennington*  
L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul  
cc Mr. Rorer

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April 19, 1934

W.A. Rorer,  
Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the investigation in the matter of ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218, et al (Edward George Bremer - Victim), (Kidnaping), I am attaching hereto a copy of the log maintained with respect to the tap on the telephones in the rooms at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, occupied by W.J. Graham, James Gray and John Taffa, which tap was maintained from the night of April 10, 1934 until their departure from New York City, April 14, 1934 at 4:15 P.M.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

F.X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division (enc.)  
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NEW YORK CITY

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April 17, 1934

RECORD OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH TAP ON TELEPHONES  
IN ROOMS 1066-68-70 AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK  
CITY, FROM APRIL 10 to 14, 1934, SAID ROOMS BEING OCCUPIED  
BY GRAHAM, McKay and TAAFFE.

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Agents McGrath and Tracy covered the Twentieth Century and it was observed that Graham, McKay and Taafe took this train, which left the Grand Central Depot at 4:15 P.M. April 14, 1934. They were accompanied to the train by Jack Adler. Just before

taking the train, Graham and Taafe went to the ticket office and inquiry developed that the purpose of this was to validate the return portion of a round trip ticket from San Francisco to New York. The party secured and occupied drawing room B in Car 23. The Chicago Division office was immediately wired.

Further investigation at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel disclosed that bill was paid with the following currency:

Upon the departure of these three individuals, their rooms were immediately searched by Agent Rosen, and the following items were found:

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Riverside 9-5110  
Hanover 3-3059

Boulevard 8-6224 - listed to  
T. C. Chalmers, M. D.  
88 Continental Avenue,  
Queens, N. Y.

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Riverside 9-3110 - listed to  
Rev. Thomas McCandless,  
227 West 99th Street,  
New York City.

Hanover 2-3050 - listed to  
Ryan & Molanus,  
24 Broad Street,  
New York City.



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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

April 19, 1934.

APR 23 1934 PM

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
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There is attached hereto a rough draft sketch of a section of a suburb of Chicago, known as Oak Park. You will notice the arrow in ink showing the direction to the loop section to Chicago, down Washington Street, or Avenue. You will also note an intersection of Washington Avenue with Holmes Avenue. BESSIE GREEN, with aliases, advises that while proceeding down Washington Avenue in the direction of Chicago, upon reaching Holmes Avenue, a left turn should be made. Within a radius of two blocks of this intersection of Washington and Holmes, and on the right side of the street after entering Holmes Avenue, there is an old fashioned brick apartment house, or flat. This building has no front porch, although she recalls that it is possible that there are some steps leading up from the street. The house is, to the best of her recollection, cream colored and consists probably of three floors but it is possible that it consists of four floors. There are no elevators in the building and she advises that, in the spring of 1933, when she was in Chicago, she visited the apartment, or flat, on the third floor front, on the left side after entering, and KATE BARKER, the mother of FRED and BOB BARKER, was living in this apartment, or flat, at that time. She further believes that the windows in front consisted of one large window as the center of the group of three windows with two small windows flanking the large window, one on each side. She believes that there is a larger apartment house across the street, which is taller than the one in which the BARKER apartment was located. She does not recall being able to see over a building across the street in looking out the front window in such a way that she could see any of the signs in the business, or theater, district.

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BESSIE GREEN thinks that, shortly after leaving the above referred to apartment house, or flat, going in the direction of the elevated line, that a turn is made to the left, leaving Holmes Avenue, and passing under the elevated, making a "U" turn, and returning further to the north again under the elevated, and the business district of Oak Park should be located by travelling in the manner indicated from the house in which the BARKERS lived. She stated that she believes that the entire block was made up largely of apartment houses. She knows definitely that the house was between Washington Avenue and the elevated on Holmes and she stated, in fact, that she could easily go directly to the house but claims that this is the best possible description she could give as to its location since it has been about a year since she saw this building.

There appears in previous correspondence recording interviews with BESSIE GREEN further details of her conversation concerning the location of this house and the circumstances as to its location. I realize, of course, that this information is rather indefinite although it does seem to indicate the house as definitely placed within a radius of two blocks of Oak Park, Illinois, and it may be that you will be able to effect an identification of the building through this rather meager information.

If this does not suffice, following the disposition of charges which have been filed against BESSIE GREEN, some arrangements may be made whereby she will be permitted to come to Chicago to effect this location. She frankly expresses the opinion, however, that MRS. BARKER will not be there now because she definitely recalls hearing that MRS. BARKER was with FRED and DOC BARKER in the Twin Cities before Christmas, 1933, and that FRED and his mother returned to Chicago for the holidays. It may be that they retained the old apartment, but she is inclined to the opinion that they would have obtained quarters elsewhere when they returned at Christmas, 1933.

Please note previous communications recording information received from BESSIE GREEN, one in particular which points out the approximate location of a place where meals are served outside a building in Maywood, Illinois, and that ALVIN KARPIS is supposed to eat, on occasions, at this place.

If an identification cannot be effected, it may be possible that BESSIE GREEN could be of further service if permitted to come to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

HEC:TC  
OC Division (Enc.) Enc.

M.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**FILE NO. **7-45 MEC**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/20/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/4-13/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. SCHROEDER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Wesley Pritchard, 101 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne, Pa., reputable citizen, corresponds with Wesley D. Brannon, 537 DeQueen Boulevard, Port Arthur, Texas, but has seen nothing of Paula Harmon since 1925; will notify this office if any information received.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Office, 4-3-34

## DETAILS:

AT LANSDOWNE, PA.

Investigation revealed that Wesley Pritchard rooms at the home of Franklin Graham, 101 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne. Lansdowne is a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia and is a purely residential section. It was ascertained that Mr. Graham is employed by the Sentman Motor Company, 5630 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and that the Grahams are considered highly respectable people.

## DETAILS:

Contact with Mr. Graham reflected that Pritchard is the son of the manager of the Gulf Refining Company and is presently employed by that company at Girard Point, near Philadelphia. He advised that Pritchard had resided with them for approximately the last six months; that the young man had no visitors and is a high-type of individual.

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Wesley Pritchard, 101 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne, was interviewed at the Gulf Refining Company, Girard Point, near Philadelphia. He advised that his father, G. L. Pritchard, is manager of the Gulf Refining Company and located in the Gulf Refining Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., his home address being 1031 Washington Avenue, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Pritchard was not advised of the nature of this case. However, he informed that he formerly resided in Port Arthur, Texas, having been reared in that city and attended school there, during which time he became very friendly with Wesley D. Brannon, whom he considers one of his best friends.

The Brannon family, according to Pritchard, are straight-living, honest people. Relative to Paula Harmon, Pritchard stated he has not seen her since, approximately, 1925 or 1926 and has no idea whether she may be living with her parents at home or where she may be located. He stated that he corresponds with Wesley D. Brannon rather frequently, but that his correspondence is limited to that member of the family.

According to Pritchard, Wesley D. Brannon is employed by the Texas Company at Port Arthur, as a gauger, is married, and has never been in any difficulty to Pritchard's knowledge. Pritchard was unable to furnish any definite information relative to Paula Harmon, advising that, although he knew her in his younger days, he has lost all contact with her. However, he agreed to advise this office in the event he receives any information relative to Paula Harmon's whereabouts and further agreed not to inform the Brannons that inquiry is being made concerning Paula Harmon.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**CHICAGO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/18/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/15/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>T. E. BILLINGS - AB</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

William J. Graham, James C. McKay, John J. Taaffe and two other men, probably John F. Flannigan of Chicago, and Jimmie McCann, identity unknown, arrived in Chicago via New York Central Twentieth Century Limited 4/15/34 at 9:00 A. M., proceeded to Drake Hotel and to other points in city, departing by Chicago and North Western Overland Limited same date at 9:30 P. M. Kept under surveillance during entire time and all telephone calls covered. Calls indicate connection with racketeers in Chicago. No contact made with Frisch or members of Karpis-Barker gang.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, 3/28/34; reports of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, 3/27/34 and 4/3/34; report of Special Agent A. Rosen, New York City, 4/4/34.

**DETAILS:**

On April 14, 1934, a teletype message was received from the New York City Division office, advising that Graham, McKay and Taaffe left New York City at 4:15 P. M. that date on the New York Central Century Limited, which arrived at Chicago, Illinois at 9:00 A. M., April 15, 1934; that they were occupying drawing room B in Car 25; that two return trip tickets to

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San Francisco had been validated that date and one trunk checked to Reno on baggage check No. 362086, another trunk to Crockett, California on check No. 362064, and that they apparently planned to take Overland Limited from Chicago, but that their reservations were unknown, and requested that the Chicago office keep them under surveillance and advise the Salt Lake City office of the results.

This agent, together with Special Agents H. L. Scott and Charles Jenkins, proceeded to the La Salle Street Station and observed that William J. Graham, James C. McKay, John J. Taaffe and two other individuals, who it will be shown later in this report, were probably John F. Flannigan of Chicago and Jimmie McCann, whose identity is unknown, alighted from the Twentieth Century Limited, which arrived at 9:00 A. M. These parties took a taxicab and were followed by agents to the Drake Hotel, where Graham, McKay and Taaffe registered for the use of rooms 970 and 972.

Arrangements were made through Mr. Cutter, manager, for agents to keep the lobby of the hotel under surveillance and to occupy a room at the hotel and to have all telephone calls made by these parties covered. Special Agents Jenkins and Scott remained in the lobby while this agent remained in a room at the hotel and covered all telephone calls made by these individuals. Special Agent Charles Jenkins was subsequently relieved by Special Agent J. F. O'Connell and he, together with agent Scott, followed the above five individuals, together with another man, whom it was later ascertained was Mr. B. A. Sullivan, publicity director for the Drake Hotel, to the Casino of the Congress Hotel, South Michigan Avenue and Congress Street, where they remained for approximately thirty minutes and then proceeded in a taxicab to the corner of Clark and Lake Streets. The agents, however, lost them in traffic but ascertained later, through the taxicab driver, that he had discharged them at the corner of Clark and Lake Streets, but that he did not know where they had gone. It was later ascertained, through telephone calls made by these parties, that they had been at the Ogden Grill, 192 North Clark Street, which is operated by Gilbert Kaplan. This place, in addition to being a restaurant, operates two elaborate bars. These parties, after remaining there for approximately two hours, returned to the hotel, where they remained in their rooms until about 8:30 P. M., when they went to the North Western depot, where Graham, McKay and Taaffe boarded the Overland Limited of the Chicago and North Western Railway at 9:30 P. M., occupying drawing room A, Car N-65. The information as to their reservations was transmitted telegraphically to the Salt Lake City office.

There is being set out below a resume of all telephone conversations had by these individuals which appear to be of importance in connection with this matter.

A call was made to Briargate 8700, which is an unpublished number, but was ascertained to be listed in the name of John F. Flannigan, 6608 North Fairfield Avenue, first floor, before agent had made arrangements to cover the telephone calls, but a subsequent call to this number indicated that [REDACTED] b7c

Efforts were made by the agents stationed in the lobby to observe individuals who might be inquiring as to the rooms occupied by Graham and his party, but no one was observed and no one was seen during the entire time of the surveillance to contact these parties, other than Mr. B. A. Sullivan, who, as stated above, is publicity director for the Drake Hotel.

A call was made to Bittersweet 8303, which is the Pine Lodge Hotel, 3616 Pinegrove Avenue, [REDACTED]

Special Agents W. F. Trainor and C. A. Whitten ascertained, through Mr. M. B. Stein, manager, Pine Lodge Hotel, that Mr. F. L. Hague occupied Apartment 214; that he and his wife had been there for about three weeks, having returned from Florida; that they previously resided at the Pine Lodge Hotel and wrote him from Florida for a three-room apartment but he did not have what they wanted and they are now waiting for an apartment of the description mentioned above. Mr. Stein claimed he did not remember where they were in Florida, although he had stated they wrote him a letter, as mentioned above. He denied having any knowledge of them personally except as set forth above.

Mr. Stein furnished the following descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Hague:

Name:	F. L. HAGUE	MRS. F. L. HAGUE
Age:	58 to 60	About 50
Height:	6'	5'3 1/2" or 4"
Weight:	190 lb.	About 120 lb.
Hair:	Gray	Chestnut (edged with gray)
Eyes:	Unknown	Unknown
Complexion:	Ruddy	Fair

It was also ascertained from Mr. Stein that the above parties are driving a 1930 or 1931 Model Chrysler Coupe, bearing 1933 Illinois tags No. 695808. The tag number was obtained by agents from the car, a dark blue or black in color, which was parked in front of the hotel as indicated by Stein. Special Agent T. F. Mullen ascertained from the Chicago Police, Motor Vehicle Bureau, that the above tags were issued to Mrs. Grace White, 5616 Pinegrove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a Chrysler automobile, motor No. CD-22905.

An incoming call was received and the party who answered the telephone stated [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Special Agent W. F. Trainor ascertained at the Sovereign Hotel that Mr. B. A. Sullivan, former manager of the Sovereign Hotel, and now said to be publicity director for the Drake Hotel, was the only individual who had placed a call for the Drake Hotel at the hour the above call was received.

It was ascertained by this agent, through Mr. Cutter, manager of the Drake Hotel, that Mr. Sullivan is a close personal friend of Mr. John F. Flannigan, whom it was later ascertained was one of the members of the party arriving from New York with Graham and his party; that Mr. Flannigan was formerly manager of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, and that he is now known to be connected with a crowd of gamblers in Chicago. Mr. Cutter did not know the identity of the gamblers nor did he know of other connections of Mr. Flannigan. b7c

Telephone calls were made to the Morrison Hotel and the Medinah Club, and at each place [REDACTED]

Mr. McKay, at 1:45 P. M., placed a call [REDACTED]

A Western Union Messenger was called, and Mr. Gutter, of his own volition without any request upon the part of this agent, intercepted the telegram sent and ascertained that it was directed to Jack Dempsey, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas, and signed by McKay, stating that Florence was in the hospital and giving the date of a trial, the exact date was not remembered by Mr. Gutter.

During the time that these individuals were absent from the hotel rooms, a call was received at the ticket reservation office of the hotel [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] It was ascertained that the above telephone is listed in the name of Gilbert Kaplan, 192 North Clark Street. Agent proceeded to this address but found that these individuals had departed. Consequently, no opportunity was afforded to observe their activities there. It should be noted, however, in the reference report of Special Agent Rosen, that one Fred Kaplan is an attorney who has made inquiry regarding the case against Graham and McKay through the Assistant United States Attorney at New York, and further in the report of reference of Special Agent Gere, dated 4/3/34, that one Joseph Kaplan, an associate of William Golder, left Reno on March 7, 1934, for New York City. It is possible that the Gilbert Kaplan mentioned above is a relative of these individuals.

Telephone calls were subsequently made to Kaplan's place through the above telephone, and also through Dearborn 6229, which is listed in the name of the Ogden Grill, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Certain members of the Janitors' Union are well known racketeers in Chicago, but no information is available at this time as to the character and reputation of Jerry Horne.

In the above conversations with Kaplan, [REDACTED]

A call for [REDACTED]

Telephone calls were made to the Congress Hotel Harrison

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A call was also made to the Hotel Riansi, 500 West Diveray Parkway, Buckingham 4100, but agent was not connected with the call in time to ascertain the party called for at the hotel and there was no response to the call.

At 7:45 P. M. Mr. McKay placed a call for 4111, Reno, Nevada, but was advised at 8:10 P. M. that there was no response to that number, whereupon Mr. McKay requested that a call be placed for 3505 for Mr. William Woodburn personally.

It will be noted in the reference report of Special Agent Rosen, dated 4/4/34, on page 3 thereof, that William Woodburn is an attorney who represented Graham and McKay before Judge Horcross at Reno. In the reference report of Special Agent Gere, dated 5/27/34, reference is made to an anonymous letter received by the Chief of Police, Reno, in which the writer stated that he was told that he could get his pay for the job by calling Reno 4111, the number called above by McKay.

During the surveillance of these parties no contact was made with any individual answering the description of Roy J. Frisch or any members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and the telephone calls outlined above do not indicate that contact was made with them through that means.



Copies of this report are being made for both the case entitled, "Unknown Subjects; Roy J. Frisch - Victim - Possible Kidnaping, Missing Person", and the case entitled, "Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O. 1218, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping"; and copies are being furnished under each title to appropriate offices.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Apr. 16, 1934.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Apr. 4 to 13, 1934.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W.R. Ramsey, Jr. AP.</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Check of news stands this district concluded. Investigation Vallejo, California, reflects suspects as E. L. Burnes and C. W. Davis stopped Casa Del Vallejo Hotel, Feb. 1st-6th, 1933, and T. C. Blackburn and W. Lohman registered Nov. 7, 1933, all giving residence as Reno; that Vallejo General Hospital is operated by Tobias Williams, formerly Reno gambler, and hospital apparently frequented by criminals. Dr. Edward Peterson of Vallejo reported physician for hospital patients, and removed Subject Karpis' tonsils last year. Investigation Grass Valley and other California mining districts reveals Bentz brothers and one Pauline King, an associate, operated there in 1930, but not presently there. Pauline King reported Plaza Hotel, Seattle, in December, 1933. Mrs. Helen McLeod, reported owner two sets California 1934 license plates, and whose car reported seen at Bentz residence, Chicago, said to reside 5491 Lake Port St., Chicago. Investigation hotels San Francisco, Sacramento and Oakland, California, and at Tanforan and El Cerrito Race Tracks thus far develops no further information as to suspects, but investigation continuing. Cooperation San Francisco and Northern California Laundry Associations secured in circularization of laundries this district, and check proceeding as to laundry marks of suspects. Goggles of type used in this case traced in San Francisco without result. Registration additional cars in names or aliases of Subjects in California

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**DETAILS:**

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noted and being checked. Photographs suspects placed in hands Inspectors, Quarantine Stations on California-Oregon and California-Nevada Line.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Inspector W.A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23, 1934; Letters from Portland Division Office dated March 25th and 28th, 1934; Report of Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, San Francisco, March 27, 1934; Reports of Special Agent W. R. Ramsey, Jr., San Francisco, April 2d and April 4, 1934, and Report Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, St. Lake City, Utah, April 6, 1934.

DETAILS:

This report is a joint report of Special Agents Criss, Geraghty and this Agent.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss, San Francisco, has submitted the following memorandum in connection with an investigation conducted by him:

"AT STOCKTON, CALIF.

Mr. A. G. Wilson, operator of news stand, located at 5 North California St., was interviewed and advised that he was the only dealer in Stockton retailing out of State newspapers. He remembered that during the period that Bremer was kidnaped, and shortly thereafter, there were two old men who were very interested in the case, and purchased St. Paul newspapers. He did not know the men, but believed they were friends of Bremer; that lately a young man, about thirty years old, has purchased St. Paul papers; this man was not identified as one of the suspects in the case. Wilson seemed willing to cooperate, and will notify the San Francisco Division Office in case he observes any of the suspects.

The Stockton News Company is a wholesale newspaper and magazine company.

AT VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA.

Harry Hamner, Manager Casa Del Vallejo Hotel, was interviewed, and allowed Agent to check the hotel records, which reflected the following information:

E.L. Burnes and C. W. Davis checked in on Feb. 1, 1933, and remained until Feb. 6, 1933. They occupied room 224. The following telephone calls were made: Reno 21738 and Vallejo 15, the latter number being the Vallejo General Hospital.

R.E. Davis and E. V. Davis and mother checked in on Feb. 8, 1933, and were assigned rooms 101 and 103, staying one day.

E. L. Burnes and C. W. Davis checked into the hotel again on Feb. 9, 1933, and were assigned room 218, remaining one day.

T.C. Blackburn and W. Lohman checked in on Nov. 7, 1933, and were assigned room 228.

The only address given for the above registrations was Reno, Nevada.

The clerks and bellboys, after reviewing the pictures of the Barker gang, were able to identify Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis, but could not remember anything in detail concerning their visits to the hotel.

Mr. Hannery advised that William Graham, J.M. McKay, and the Reno crowd, stopped usually at the Vallejo General Hospital, managed by one Tobias Williams, a close friend of theirs.

Dr. E. Leachman was interviewed and advised that he sent patients to the Vallejo General Hospital. He was reluctant to talk much, but did state that Tobias Williams was formerly a gambler from Nevada, and thus was very friendly with William Graham, Jack Dempsey, J.M. McKay, and that many patients were sent from Reno to this hospital for treatment by Dr. Edward A. Peterson, 537 Georgia St.; that he remembered on one occasion two men who were badly shot, came to the hospital; were treated and later disappeared. They were subsequently identified as bank or train robbers, wanted in a \$200,000.00 holdup; that Graham and McKay, and friends, when coming down from Reno to San Francisco, usually stop at the hospital, instead of going to an hotel; that William Graham is married to some relative of Tom Finn, a politician of great influence in San Francisco, and thus Graham and his friends are well known and liked by the San Francisco Police, and others in San Francisco.

Dr. Edward Peterson was interviewed, but seemed somewhat angry that Agent should question him. He vaguely identified Alvin Karpis as a patient who had had his tonsils removed some

time last year. Dr. Peterson claimed not to have any records or history on Karpis, and did not remember the name he used, or who visited him, claiming he was a cash patient, and thus no records were necessary.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Captain Hansley, Chief Special Agent, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, advised that Theodore Bentz had operated a mine under the name of Ted Richards, somewhere around Grass Valley, and the Sheriff at Nevada City held a warrant for his arrest on labor charges.

AT GRASS VALLEY, AUBURN and DOWNIEVILLE, CALIF.

A check of the mining claim records, and Assessor's roll, did not reveal any mining claims or property assessed to Theodore Bentz, or aliases, in Placer, Nevada or Sierra Counties. He was unknown to the Sheriff's Office at Auburn, Calif.

The Sheriff's Office at Nevada City advised, from their records, that Theodore Bentz had the following record:



They knew nothing of his present whereabouts, or business dealings. They will keep a lookout for him and his brother Edward.

The Postmaster at Grass Valley advised that one Charles Brockington, a well known mining engineer, had had dealings with Theodore Bentz under the name of Ted Richards.

Miss Thelma Brockington, daughter of Charles Brockington, who was sick in bed, advised that Theodore Bentz and his brother

Edward, accompanied by a Pauline King, came to Grass Valley in 1930, and posed as wealthy people, who wanted to invest in a mine, and had interested her father, an elderly man, in the development of the Ruby Mine, near Downieville, Calif.; that they had promised to make her father president of a corporation to be formed, and to make him manager of the mine, and thereby caused him to invest about \$3500.00; that her father also became infatuated with Pauline King, alias Pauline Burke, alias Pauline Richards, a sister of the Bentz' and had spent much money on her; that she had heard this group trying to get \$2500.00 more from her father; that she became suspicious of them and objected, and had all of her father's property placed in her name. She also advised that Pauline King had written a Christmas card to her father this last Christmas, which she had hidden. This was shown to Agent. It was postmarked Dec. 20, 1933, and had a return address of Plaza Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Brockington was interviewed, but knew of no other mines in which Theodore Bentz was interested.

AT DOWNIEVILLE, CALIF.

Sheriff E. W. Johnson, Assistant County Surveyor Ross Taylor, and others, identified Theodore Bentz, Edward Bentz, Mrs. Ed. R. Ronaldson, alias Mrs. Edward Bentz, as people who had been up to the Ruby Mine, located about five miles Southwest of Downieville. It was learned that Theodore Bentz was also selling Thrift Insurance, and had swindled an old man, now dead, by the name of Tom Brown, of Forest, California, out of \$10,000.00. Ross Taylor advised that the Bentz brothers have not been at the Ruby Mine since 1930; that when they left, they abandoned an automobile which was later repossessed by Joe Paoli and Deputy Sheriff Joe Miller of Eureka, California; that the Ruby Mine is now operated and owned by men such as E. L. Best of the Best Tractor Co., Norman DeVaux of the DeVaux Motor Company, etc.

Mr. C. A. Michels, President of the Sierra Pacific Gold Mining Company, San Francisco, California, telephone Sutter 3677, was interviewed, and advised that Theodore Bentz had leased the Ruby Mine from his company upon a percentage basis; that the records reflect he took out between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in gold, and then absconded without paying the company or his labor.

Agent checked at Bridgeport, Sheridan, Alleghany, Forest, French Corral and other mining towns, without obtaining any information as to Theodore Bentz, or his brother Edward being at present in the territory. A check will be made in other sections of the mother lode district.



AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

At the State Mining Bureau the file on the Ruby Mine contained a newspaper article setting out the dismissal of the case against Ted Richards at Nevada City in 1930, and referred to him as Manager of the Ruby Mine and as President of the Anglo Pacific Mines, Incorporated.

Agent was advised that most of the records were left in the Mining Bureau Office in the Ferry Building, San Francisco, and that Mr. John Bougard, High Grade Inspector, who inspects about all of the mines in the state, might know of Theodore Bentz and his present location.

The records of the California State Corporation Commission had little information, except that they reflected that on April 1, 1930, Ted Richards was placed on the questioned list, due to taking preorganization subscriptions in the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd., without a permit, and had thus obtained about \$4,000.00 from Lettie A. Whittier, Calvin Hotel, 419 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, and a group of eight people, which money was to be used supposedly in a mine near Downieville, California. Further, that Theodore Richards was granted an agent's certificate for the National Thrift Association of Los Angeles, not now in existence, on Jan. 29, 1930, the same being revoked on April 14, 1930."

Referring to report of this Agent, dated San Francisco April 4, 1934, with reference to license plates issued to a Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, and reported seen in front of the Bentz residence in Chicago recently, Special Agent T.P. Geraghty conducted the following investigation:

"Mrs. Walter Mame, 310 Locust St., San Francisco, stated that she is a sister of Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, who resides with her husband, A.V. McLeod, 5491 Lake Port St., Chicago, who is in the real estate business in Chicago, and formerly very wealthy; that Mrs. McLeod intends to visit in California this Spring, and desired 1934 California license plates, the license being also much cheaper in California than in Illinois; that Mrs. McLeod forwarded to her (Mrs. Mame) the certificate of title for a DeSoto Sedan, and requested that 1934 California license be obtained; that she personally made application for the license in the name of Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, care of Walter Clifford, a brother-in-law, who also resides at 310 Locust St.; that the license plates, 3-J-3575, were received in due time, and forwarded to Mrs. McLeod in Chicago.

Mrs. Walter Mame further stated that her sister, Mrs. McLeod had informed her in a letter that she had requested Clark Coe to obtain 1934 California license for her, but he never answered her letter, nor sent the license plates; that she has known Clark Coe for over two years, as did Mrs. McLeod, and Coe formerly lived in Chicago; that Coe has had no regular occupation, as far as she knows, for the past two years, but is believed to come from a good family back East.

F. D. Harsin, Manager Rhodema Hotel, 811 Geary St., stated Clark Coe resided at his hotel for about a year prior to July 28, 1933, when he surreptitiously left owing \$192.00 for room rent, and he has been unable to locate him; that while residing at the Rhodema Hotel, Coe had no men associates, but seemed to be friendly with some old ladies, whom it is reported Coe defrauded out of considerable sums of money, particularly one Mrs. Adams, who in 1933 sued and obtained a judgment against Coe in 1933.

F. D. Harsin further stated that a letter addressed to Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, care of Clark Coe, Rhodema Hotel, San Francisco, from the State of California Motor Vehicle Division, containing automobile white slip, was received April 5, 1934, which white slip shows 1934 California License 5-J-480, issued Jan. 20, 1934, for DeSota Sedan, Motor No. 5-C-19185, Mrs. Helen E. McLeod, care of Clark Coe, Rhodema Hotel, the registered and legal owner.

Clark Coe, Clark Hotel, Taylor & Eddy Sts., San Francisco, stated that he has known Mrs. Helen McLeod of Chicago, Ill., for some years; that in 1933 Mrs. McLeod visited in San Francisco with relatives, and had with her a DeSoto Sedan automobile, and he aided her in obtaining a 1933 California license for the car; that in the early part of January, 1934, he received a written request from Mrs. McLeod, who resides in Chicago, Ill., to obtain for her a 1934 California license, for the same DeSoto Sedan, but she did not enclose any certificate of title, or other papers showing title to the car; that he consulted Vera Bethmeyer, secretary to Theodore Roche, San Francisco Police Commissioner, who aided him in obtaining a 1934 California license in the name of Mrs. Helen McLeod, without title papers; that he forwarded the license plates, in the original container, to Mrs. Helen McLeod, the latter part of January, 1934, and has no further information concerning said license plates."

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This office is not fully conversant with all the investigation conducted by the Chicago Office in connection with the Bentz brothers in Chicago, and for that reason, no lead is being set out to interview Mrs. McLeod at 5491 Lake Port St., this being left to the discretion of the Chicago Office, in view of their previous investigation, this address appears important.

Special Agent Vernon E. Criss conducted a thorough check of the hotels in Sacramento, California, exhibiting the photographs of instant suspects, and reports that no information relative to their whereabouts in Sacramento was secured.

Further investigation and check of hotels in San Francisco is continuing, but thus far no further information has been obtained regarding suspects.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty and this Agent conducted investigation in checking the principal hotels in Oakland, California, but obtained no information regarding instant suspects. However, this investigation is continuing, both in Oakland and San Francisco, with regard to other hotels, garages and apartments, and full results will be reported at a later time.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty and this Agent conducted investigation at the El Cerrito dog race track in Alameda County and other gambling places near Oakland, California, but obtained no information with reference to instant suspects.

Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, in company with Special Agent Albert Miller of the Los Angeles Division, who is in San Francisco on other official matters, conducted investigation at the Tanforan Race Track, in connection with the racing meet now in progress at that point, which involved interview of Chief of Police W. L. Maher of San Bruno, California, and check with the officials of the race track, but obtained no information with regard to instant suspects. Investigation at Tanforan will continue, and agents of this Division Office will endeavor to secure information at Tanforan.

Referring to report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, dated April 2, 1934, in which a request was made to circularize the laundries in the jurisdiction of this office, for the purpose of ascertaining if Subjects are located in this district, and with further reference to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated April 5, 1934, containing further and additional list of laundry marks used by instant suspects at Reno, Nevada, this Agent contacted Mr. A. C. Ireland, Manager of the United States Laundry, 1148 Harrison St., San Francisco, and a check was made of the records of this company, and several of the laundry marks connected with this investigation were found, a check of which has thus far resulted in pointing to no one connected with this investigation. This check of laundry marks at the United States Laundry is continuing, and subsequent reports will include the results thereof. Mr. Ireland offered his complete cooperation in facilitating this search, and placed Agent in touch with Mr. H. H. Buddington, Executive Secretary of the Laundry Owners' Association, Room 241, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco.

Mr. Buddington, upon interview by this Agent, expressed a desire to lend the full facilities of the Northern California Laundry Owners' Association in connection with this matter, and is preparing a list for this office of all laundries in the jurisdiction of this office in Northern California, which will be circularized with reference to the laundry marks of importance in connection with this investigation. Mr. Buddington advised that he would personally see that the members of the Laundry Owners' Association, which comprises 65% of the laundries in this district, would all lend their aid and cooperation in connection with this matter.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. G. H. Riley, Secretary of the San Francisco Laundry Owners' Association, to lend his full cooperation in connection with the search in San Francisco, in furnishing a list of all laundries in San Francisco in connection with this matter, and arrangements are being made for circularization of these laundries at this time.

Personal contact by this Agent was had with Mr. Charles Cain, Manager of the La Grande Laundry, 12th & Howard Sts., San Francisco; Larry Beall, Assistant Manager of the Home Laundry, 3338 17th St.; L. J. Pelgen, Manager of the New Method Laundry, 401 Sanchez St.; C. M. Bufford, Manager of the San Francisco Laundry, 1490 Turk St.; F. Dietrick, Superintendent of the Sanitary Laundry, 2140 O'Farrell St.; J. J. Robel, Peerless Laundry, 5th & Folsom Sts.; George D. Klein, Ideal Laundry, 7th & Harrison Sts.; J. Barasi, New Process Laundry, 385 8th St.; which laundries are the principal ones in the San Francisco metropolitan area, and partial check was made of the records of these laundries, and further check is being conducted by this office with reference to their records. It should be noted that the secretaries of the laundry associations have advised that the laundries above noted, personally contacted, cover over 70 percent of the business of this city.

Future reports will carry full information regarding further check of the San Francisco laundries, and full information regarding circularization of all laundries in this district.

With reference to letter from the Chicago Office to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 31, 1934, copy of which was furnished this office, investigation was conducted by this office at the Hirsch and Kaye Optical Company, 239 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, indicated in that letter as having received one pair of goggles of the type found in connection with this investigation, during November, 1931, and two pairs in December, 1931, from the Chicago Eye Shield Company. Mr. Frank Kaye, partner of this company, advised after checking their records that they had first ordered a pair of these goggles on Nov. 4, 1931; that this order had been placed as a result of a telephonic prescription from Dr. Larz A. Smith, a well known and reputable physician in San Francisco, with whom, he stated, he had personally been dealing with for over twenty years. He stated that these goggles had been ordered for a patient by the name of Pasquale Celardi, 819-A Lombard St., in San Francisco, and that their records indicated that Dr. Smith had previously prescribed for this individual a set of heavy lens glasses on Sept. 29, 1931. He exhibited this record, which showed that these goggles had been received on Nov. 18, 1931, and delivered to Celardi.

Mr. Kaye stated that following this special order, he had placed an order with the Chicago Eye Shield Company for two additional pairs of goggles, in order that they might be carried in stock. Upon examination of his supplies, he ascertained that these goggles were still intact and in stock, and had not been sold. These goggles were exhibited to Agent, and it was noted that they were of the type indicated, and were actually in this dealer's stock.

Agent interviewed Dr. Larz A. Smith, 450 Sutter St., who confirmed prescription of these goggles for Gelardi, and advised that Gelardi was now located at 2340 Taylor St. and had been in his office last on Dec. 16, 1933. He stated that Gelardi was an old Italian, who is almost blind, and as far as he knew is unemployed.

Agent called at 2340 Taylor St., interviewing Mr. Gelardi, and ascertained that he still has in his possession the goggles prescribed for him by Dr. Smith, which he exhibited to this Agent. This investigation accounts for all goggles of the type used in connection with this case, which are known to have been in San Francisco district.

Additional information has been received from the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, with reference to further cars registered in the State of California in the names or aliases of suspects in instant investigation, as follows, and it is being requested that the Los Angeles Office check the registrations noted, which are in the Los Angeles district:

D. F. G. Ward, 630 10th St., San Diego registered a 1932 De Soto 6 Brougham, motor #3C 18880 serial #5051230 as sole owner on January 15th under 1934 license #4Z/2453.

A. S. Hunter Jr., Box 182, Soquel, Calif. registered a 1929 Reo Sport Coupe, motor #CA 13900, serial #C1439 on February 17th under 1934 license #5G 8610. Legal owner Reliance Acceptance Corporation, 1549 Pine St., San Francisco. 1933 address 72 Spruce St., Santa Cruz.

A. S. Hunter, RFD 3, No. Main St., Riverside as sole owner of a 1926 Chevrolet Coupe, motor No. 2406134, which was registered on January 9th under 1934 license #2B 3593.

George Dunn, 149 Marston Ave., San Francisco, registered a Buick Touring, motor #1036888 on January 15th under 1934 license #3J 3588 as sole owner.

George Dunn, Rt. 10, Box 518, Fresno, registered a 1928 Hudson Sedan, motor #540815 on Jan. 8th, under 1934 license #4L 7857 by Dunn as sole owner.

George Dunn, 606 W St., Santa Ana registered a Ford Sedan, motor #6001558 as sole owner on Jan. 29th under 1934 license #2C 4463.

Geo. Dunn, Half Moon Bay, registered a 1931 Studebaker 6 Sedan, motor #S-23168, serial #5096047, on Jan. 17th, under 1934 license #7H 5391. Legal owner Rice Sec. Co. 308 N. Irwin St. Hanford.



Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, 140 S Ave. 59th, Los Angeles, registered a 1929 Essex 6 Sedan, motor #1032154 serial #964400 on Jan. 9th under 1934 license #6V 9392 as sole owner.

R.E. Hamilton, 316 Hilliard Ave. Monterey Park, registered a 1926 Nash Sedan, motor #36302, serial #37019, as sole owner, on Jan. 13th, under 1934 license #6-P 7639.

R. E. Hamilton, 1749 Bay View Ave., Wilmington, registered a 1928 Whippet Sedan, motor No. 303271, serial #299626 on Jan. 19th under 1934 license #5Y 9317 as sole owner.

R. E. Hamilton and Ethel L. Hamilton, 1340 Grove, San Diego, registered as sole owners, a 1929 Essex Sedan, motor No. 1186997, serial #1121094, on Jan. 23d under 1934 license #6Z 1340.

A. Carter, 1205 E. 60th St., Los Angeles, registered a 1925 Hudson Coach, motor No. 307391, serial No. 610757 on Jan. 12th, as sole owner, under 1934 license #7-M 6872.

A. Carter, 520 N. Arden, Glendale, registered a 1933 Ford Std. Coupe, motor No. 18-212670 on Feb. 8th under 1934 license #1S 6131, legal owner Pacific Finance Corporation, 621 S Hope St., Los Angeles.

A. Carter, 1531 Cypress St., Oakland, registered a 1924 Ford Rd. motor No. 10916080, on March 2nd, under 1934 license #9G 411, as sole owner.

J.J. Burns, 714 N. Robertson Blvd. Los Angeles, registered as sole owner, a 1925 Ford Rd. Motor No. 7820838 on Feb. 3d, under 1934 license #2R 3967.

J.J. Burns, 457 4th Ave., San Francisco, registered as sole owner a 1923 LaFayette 8 Torpedo, motor No. 2567, on Jan. 30th, under 1934 license 6K 9193.

J.J. Burns, 424 Burlingham Ave., San Mateo, registered a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No. 3622227, serial #6CA05 17115 on Jan. 11th under 1934 license #1J 2611. Legal owner as General Motors Acceptance Corporation, Federal Reserve Bank Bldg. San Francisco.

J.J. Burns, 700 Monterey St., Bakersfield, registered a 1929 Olds. 6 Sedan, Motor #F 119021, serial #14396 on Jan. 9th under 1934 license #8-K 1028, legal owner H. C. Landstrom, 2128 Chester Ave., Bakersfield.

J.J. Burns, Box 48-A, Santa Margarita, registered a 1927 Chevrolet Cabr., motor #3471032 on Feb. 13th under 1934 license #7-D 7491 as sole owner.

J.J. Burns and Catherine C. Burns, Rt. 1, Box 210, Santa Cruz, registered a 1926 Ford Sedan, motor #13647149 on Jan. 4th, under 1934 license #9-A 9658 as sole owner.

J.J. Burns, 2873 23rd St., San Francisco registered a 1926 Ford Tudor Sedan, motor #13966376, under 1934 license #5J 8464 as sole owner.



B.V. Davis, Clearlake (Clearlake) Highlands, California, registered a 1927 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #2956715 on March 6th under 1934 license #2E 6265, legal owner Jessie Mae Davis, Clearlake Highlands.

C.E. Moore, 469 9th St., San Pedro, registered a 1929 Ford Rd. motor #A 1651068 on Feb. 20th under 1934 license #7Y 7572 legal owner Pacific Finance Corporation, 1118 American, Long Beach.

C.E. Moore, 773 22nd St., San Pedro, registered a 1929 Chevrolet Rd. motor #4002362, serial "removed" on Jan. 29th under 1934 license #7Y 6558 as sole owner. Car sold to Gaudy & Lilley Auto Parts Co. 1025 San Pedro Rd., San Pedro, dealers, who sold it Feb. 21th, 1934 to John B. Fisher, 626 5d St., San Pedro, transfer made March 3d as sole owner.

It will be noted that many of the cars noted above are old models and that there is only a very remote possibility that they would be connected in any way with suspects of this investigation. The San Francisco Office in checking the identity of the persons noted in this district, will endeavor to check only those of the more recent type models where it is believed some possible connection may exist.

With reference to the letter of Inspector Rorer to the Salt Lake City Office, dated March 23, 1934, a copy of which was furnished to this office, it was ascertained that there has been no 1934 California registration for Ford V-8 de luxe Coupe, Motor No. 328420 or 18-328420 or 40-328420, or for Ford V-8 DeLuxe Coupe, Motor No. 18-304794 or No. 304794, nor for Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3554674, nor have there been any registrations whatsoever in California, in 1934, under the names of J. Darrows, Ted Murphy, "Doc" or Bob Barker, E. L. Murrey, H.J. Harnsey, Alvin Korpis, Raymond Hadley, George Haller, J.H. Lockwood, S.E. Lockwood.

In connection with the Plymouth Sedan, formerly in the possession of Subject Karpis, and indicated in previous reports in connection with this case, Motor No. 81821, which was apparently changed to Motor No. 8181, it was ascertained that on Nov. 27th, under motor No. 8181, this Plymouth Sedan was registered under ~~motor No.~~ 1932 California non-resident permit No. 132574, by E. L. Burnes, giving Minnesota address of 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, and California address as General Delivery, Los Angeles. Minnesota license at that time, 1932, was No. B-15801. There have been no 1933 or 1934 licenses issued on this motor No. 8181. The attention of the St. Paul Office is directed to the St. Paul address given by Burnes at this time, if it has not already been covered in connection with previous investigation by that office.

With reference to Willys-Knight Sedan, Motor No. 158636, bearing 1934 Illinois license No. 502671, and reported as having attached thereto a trailer with 1934 Illinois license No. 302-W, in which it has been reported George Bentz was en route to California, it was ascertained that there is no record at this time of this car having been checked into California, nor was there any registration in the name of George Bentz. Stop notices have been

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placed in the files of the Motor Vehicle Department, and this office will be notified should this car enter this State.

Photographs of instant suspects were immediately placed in the hands of Quarantine Inspectors stationed on the California-Oregon and California-Nevada boundaries, upon receipt from the Division, and as noted in previous reports in this case, the cooperation of these inspectors has been secured to immediately notify this office, or the nearest law enforcement agencies, should these suspects or cars enter California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The attention of the Chicago Office is directed to information developed in the body of this report by Special Agent T.P. Geraghty, indicating the address of Mrs. Helen McLeod as 5491 Lake Port St., in connection with their investigation relative to the location of the Bentz brothers.

The Los Angeles Office. Refer to information developed in the body of this report relative to cars in California registered in the names or aliases of instant suspects, and use their discretion in checking these cars.

The St. Paul Office. The attention of the St. Paul Office is directed to the address, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, furnished by Subject Karpis in connection with non-resident permit secured in California in 1932, as noted in the body of this report, if same has not already been covered.

The San Francisco Office, at San Francisco, will interview John Bougard, Inspector, California State Mining Bureau, Ferry Building, for information he may have regarding the Bentz brothers, and also L. A. Whittier, Calvin Hotel, 419 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, for the same purpose. The San Francisco Office will continue this investigation, covering all leads outstanding in this district in connection with this case.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

April 19,1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S.Department of Justice,  
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that I was informed that Special Agent S.L.Fortenberry arrived in Reno, Nevada, on Saturday, April 14,1934. He stayed, for the first day, at the Golden Hotel but stated he would change and on doing so he would advise me further.

I am, today, in receipt of a communication from Special Agent Fortenberry advising that, under the name of F.T.Berry, he is residing at room 512, Hotel El Cortez, 239 West Second Street, Reno, Nevada, telephone number 5118. All mail addressed to him, until further notice, should be addressed to F.T.Berry, care of General Delivery, at Reno, Nevada, in a plain envelope bearing a stamp, and showing no indication of an official character on the communication.

Very truly yours,

HHC:TC

H.H.CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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Director,  
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Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, I. O.  
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On April 16, 1934, Mrs. Bessie Skinner, with aliases, was interviewed further, and the following additional information was obtained:

Volney Davis, one of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, she believes at one time lived at Neosho, Missouri, and he either moved from Neosho to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, or he moved from Sapulpa to Neosho, she does not recall which as this is based upon her recollection of information obtained some time ago.

Bessie Skinner was shown the photograph of a girl, which photograph, I am informed, came from the apartment of Myrtle Eaton, 565 Portland Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. She identified this photograph, which bears the inscription, "Love, Dodo", as a niece of Bill Weaver, who she stated is a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. This photograph was contained in a folder in which appeared the name "Miller", who apparently was the photographer, but the address of this photographer has obviously been scraped off the folder. By using a reading glass, however, the first four letters could be identified as "West". I conferred with photographers and at the Wright Studio in St. Paul, I examined a list of photographers belonging to some kind of photographers association and included in this list was the name Millers Studio, Westplains, Missouri. When Bessie Skinner was informed that this was probably the address, she expressed the opinion that this girl identified as Bill Weaver's niece had taught school at Westplains. She did not believe that it was her home, but she recalled that the girl was a school teacher. She still contends that Weaver and his relatives are from Arkansas.

She further advised that about one year ago, William Weaver lived at 241 Brimhall Street in St. Paul in an apartment house on the corner of Brimhall and St. Clair Street. In this apartment with William Weaver for a time lived his sister, his niece whose photograph is above

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described, a nephew who is five or six years of age, and another nephew by the name of Eugene who is about 22 years of age. Eugene was in this apartment with William Weaver to her knowledge as recently as December, 1933. The best description she could furnish of William Weaver's sister was that she is about 45 years of age, rather heavy set, had light brown hair which was turning gray, and she thinks that it is possible that her name might have been Sue (note particularly a letter received by Myrtle Eaton from Newport, Arkansas, signed by "Sue" described in a letter dated April 16, 1934).

Bessie Skinner stated that Bill Weaver owned his own furniture which he purchased from some concern on Cedar Street in St. Paul located between 6th and 7th Streets, and it was on the left of the street while proceeding from 7th to 6th. The only furniture company listed in the telephone directory with such an address is the Summerfield Furniture Company. She stated that she understood that Weaver had stored his furniture in a storehouse which was used by this furniture company and that probably this company had transferred his furniture from the apartment to the storehouse and had moved it on the occasions since its purchase whenever Weaver moved. The furniture, she believes, was purchased about one year ago in the winter. She advised that Bill Weaver moved out of an apartment on Dale Street to the apartment on Brimhall Street.

She advised relative to Ray Karpis that when he was in St. Paul in the spring of 1933, he was driving a Graham Sedan which was maroon colored; that later, she understood, he purchased a Graham Sedan or Graham Coach which was dark blue or black.

Concerning Volney Davis, she recalls that she had heard him state that when he got enough money, he intended to buy an Auburn automobile.

Concerning the shooting of Edward Green on April 3, 1934, Bessie Skinner alias Bessie Green advised Mr. Nathan, and subsequently repeated this information in the presence of both Mr. Nathan and me, that she was sitting in the car waiting for Green to return from the house located at 778 Rondo Street when she turned and saw him on the ground. Realizing that he had previously been operated on for rupture and seeing the bag which he had evidently had in his hand, she was of the opinion that the carrying of this weight had caused a further rupture and that he had collapsed in the street. She stated positively that she did not see anyone do any shooting. She did not, in fact, hear any shooting. She did not see Green at the time he was shot, and her first knowledge of the fact that he had been injured by a shot was when she got to him as he lay in the street, following the shooting.

Very truly yours,

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Howard Mulaney, former associate Bentz brothers, interviewed here, and states Ted Bentz had spoken of some gold gravel mines south of Reno, and Mulaney believes that if hiding out, would be in such location. Ted Bentz reported to have divorced Ann Gallows and married Christina Dawson, and to have worked in Reno for Graham and McKay last year. John Bongard, Inspector, California State Division of Mines, who covers all State mines, personally cooperating in search for suspects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of this Agent, dated April 16, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

This report is a continuation of investigation by Special Agent V. E. Criss and this Agent.

Special Agent V. E. Criss has submitted the following memorandum:

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:          3 Division          3 San Francisco          1 Chicago          2 Los Angeles          2 Portland          2 Salt Lake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7-576-1721</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">APR 21 1934 A.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE</p>
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"Mrs. Howard Mulaney, 521 Fulton St., Palo Alto, was interviewed and advised that neither she nor her husband had seen or heard from the Bentz' since some time in the early part of 1933, or when this office had Theodore Bentz for investigation relative to an embezzled automobile. She did not know of any mine, other than the Ruby mine, near Downieville, which Theodore Bentz had had an interest in. She was positive her husband, who is working a black ruby mine in the northern part of Nevada, is in no way connected with Theodore Bentz.

Howard Mulaney was interviewed, and he corroborated his wife's statement above. He advised that the black ruby mine which he is working, is on the Tom Duffareno farm, close to the Nevada and Oregon State line, the address being Denio, Oregon; that Ted Bentz had gone with him to this mine in the first instance, but had tried to have Duffareno oust him, Mulaney, and turn the mine over to him, Ted Bentz; that this caused hard feelings between him and Ted Bentz, but he still feels that Ted Bentz is all right, and is being led by Edward Bentz, his brother.

Mulaney remembered that Ted Bentz had talked about some gold gravel mines, south of Reno, but does not know the location thereof; that he believes that if Edward Bentz and Ted Bentz are now at some mine, they are there hiding out, and that John Dillinger, and other gangsters, who were with the Edward Bentz gang, will undoubtedly go to this mine.

Howard Mulaney subsequently visited Mrs. Rose Byron, mother of the Bentz brothers, and in conversation, she stated that the boys had a new mine, but when she saw he, Mulaney, did not know of it, would not give the address, but said it was somewhere near Grass Valley. She further stated that Ted had worked in Reno last year for McKay and Graham, and while there had obtained a divorce from Ann Gallows, and had married "Crissie" Dawson."

Agent interviewed John Bongard, High Grade Ore Inspector of the California State Division of Mines, Ferry Building, San Francisco, and advised that the Bentz brothers were known to him only by reputation. He was familiar with the information developed by Agent Criss regarding the Bentz brothers in the Grass Valley Mining District, but was able to add no new details, except that he advised that the mine which was listed as the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd., of which Ted Richards, alias Ted Bentz, had been president, was formerly the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd., and that the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd., of which C. A. Nichols was president, was now carrying on the property which the Anglo Pacific Mines Ltd. had leased, when Ted Bentz had absconded with the gold taken out under the lease. The Mining Handbook for 1931 was examined in Mr. Bongard's office, and it was noted that the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd. was incorporated May 21, 1930, in Nevada, and that there is a notation that the transfers made in connection with the stock of this company, are made at the Reno, Nev. Office, Reno, Nevada. The

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only notation with reference to the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd. is the information indicating Ted Richards as the president, and cross reference to the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd. Mr. Bongard advised that he had been able to find no further information with reference to the corporation structure of the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd., and it is his belief that this company was a Nevada corporation, as the Pacific Gold Company, Ltd. was, inasmuch as the laws of Nevada were much more lenient with reference to the incorporation of such companies, and were not as stringent as the California laws with reference to the sale of stock. He suggested check in the State of Nevada, Carson City, with reference to the Anglo Pacific Mines, Ltd.

Mr. Bongard further advised that W. B. Tucker, District Mining Engineer for the California State Division of Mines, located in the State Building at Los Angeles, California, had resided in the Southern district of California for some fourteen years, and was thoroughly familiar with the mines in the Southern territory, and was frequently contacted by mining operators in that district regarding their problems, and that he felt that an interview with Mr. Tucker might prove valuable in developing information regarding instant suspects, if they operated in the Southern part of this State. Mr. Bongard advised that he personally visits the greater portion of the mines in the State, particularly in the Northern California District, at regular intervals. He was furnished with photographs of suspects in connection with this case, and promised his fullest cooperation in immediately conveying to the San Francisco Office any information he should obtain regarding the whereabouts of any of instant suspects.

Check at the Calvin Hotel, 419 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, developed that this hotel was changed to the El Centro, in 1931, and that any person by the name of L. A. Whittier is unknown. Examination of the register reflected that one Lee Whitten, a taxi driver, had registered at the hotel on Aug. 12, 1931, for one day, and again on Oct. 3, 1931, for one day, but left no forwarding address. The ledger reflects that one Whittier and wife were registered at the hotel for one night on May 2, 1930, but left without leaving a forwarding address.

Investigation is continuing in this district in connection with all undeveloped leads in this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION OFFICE, at Reno, Nevada, is respectfully requested to check the report of Ted Bentz' divorce and subsequent remarriage to Christina Dawson at Reno; ascertain his connections there, and if he purchased or leased any mines.

At Carson City, Nevada, through the Corporation Commissioner, or Secretary of State, ascertain if Ted Bentz or his brother, Edward Bentz, organized any corporations, and check the records with

reference to the Anglo Pacific Gold Mines, Ltd., which Ted Bantz, under the name of Theodore Richards, was reported to be president of.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE, will interview W. B. Tucker, District Mining Engineer for the California State Division of Mines, located in the State Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

PENDING.

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

April 18, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Division, dated April 14, 1934, addressed to Inspector H.E. Clegg, St. Paul, Minnesota, to which was attached memorandum, dated April 11, 1934, to the Director, signed by Mr. S.F. Cowley, in connection with arrangements effected by Mr. Fay at New York City with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies for cooperation with the St. Paul Division Office.

It is my recollection that Mr. Cowley telephoned me on March 15, 1934, and advised me that Mr. Fay had perfected arrangements satisfactorily but that I was to take no action until the Division advised this office by teletype, or letter. It is my further recollection that no further communication in this matter has been received from the Division since my telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley and a thorough search of the records of this office fails to disclose that a teletype message has been received.

In view of the large amount of work which would be necessarily entailed in running down these telegrams and due to the other urgent matters which have been pending at this office for some time, it is not believed that, at the present time, it is advisable to undertake this work. As soon as it is practicable, an examination of these wires will be made.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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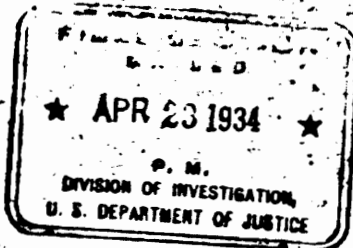
Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 215,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 18, 1934, in the case entitled ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, et al - Kidnaping, in which it is noted you state that, though you received telegraphic information concerning the arrangements made by Mr. Fay at New York City with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies for cooperation with the St. Paul Division office on March 15, 1934, you were requested to take no action in the matter until you received confirmation by teletype or letter and that no further communication was received by the St. Paul office concerning this matter.

The files of the Division reflect that on March 15, 1934, a teletype message was sent to the St. Paul office and received by "W. A. R."

Very truly yours,



Director



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

April 19, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is had to teletype message from this office,  
dated April 16, 1934, regarding George Nelson alias "Baby Face".

It is respectfully requested that the St. Paul Division  
Office be furnished with twenty photographs of George Nelson, above  
named, as well as his criminal record, if any.

Very truly yours,

H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR

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*Letter Mr. Rorer  
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April 23, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases  
Identification Order #1218,  
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1219,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the letter of Inspector H. H. Clegg, dated April 19, 1934, there are transmitted herewith twenty photographs of George Nelson alias "Baby Face".

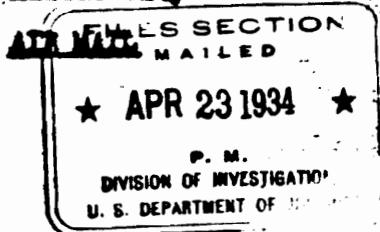
Ten copies of this photograph are also being forwarded to the Chicago Office and the Kansas City Office of the Division with a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #554246

cc Chicago  
Kansas City



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

April 20, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated April 5, 1934, referring to information possessed by G. W. Young, Bassetts, Virginia, as to the location of Arthur R. Barker, Identification Order No. 1219, this is to advise you that Agent Schoales interviewed Mr. Young, Bassetts, Virginia, a man about fifty-five years of age, employed by the Bassetts Furniture Company, who stated that he knew a Mr. Charles Barker, Grassy Creek, North Carolina, who married a girl named Sexton, who was reared at Grassy Creek, North Carolina, from which union they had a son named Arthur R. Barker and that the photograph of the Barker who is the subject of Identification Order No. 1219 resembles the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker. He further stated that his cousin Bob Jones, Ironton, Ohio, married a Sexton girl, who is a cousin of Mrs. Charles Barker and that Mrs. Charles Barker has a cousin named Ernest Sexton living somewhere in the state of Maryland. Also, Mr. W. C. Plummer, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Marion, Virginia, who married his, Young's, niece, told him that he saw the Arthur Barker from Grassy Creek, North Carolina, driving a fine car, spending money freely, and that he had heard rumors that this Barker is a gangster. He could not advise whether Mr. Plummer saw this Barker at Marion, Virginia, or in Grassy Creek, North Carolina.

It is Mr. Young's belief that if the Arthur R. Barker of Grassy Creek, North Carolina and the subject of Identification Order No. 1219 are one and the same, that he can find him at Grassy Creek, North Carolina, he being of the opinion that that would be a likely place to find him, and wanted to know what the reward

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would be for catching him if they are one and the same. Agent Schoales informed Mr. Young that at present there is no reward offered for the capture of Arthur R. Barker, Identification Order No. 1219.

Mr. Young advised that he has not been in close touch with the Barker family at Grassy Creek, North Carolina, and does not know their recent activities.

In view of the fact that the above information as to the relatives of the Arthur R. Barker of Grassy Creek, North Carolina, does not correspond with the information as to the relatives of Arthur R. Barker, subject of Identification Order No. 1219, it does not appear that the two Arthur R. Barkers are one and the same.

In the absence of instructions from the Division, no further action is contemplated by this office.

Very truly yours,

*L. R. Pennington*  
L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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April 16, 1934.

SPC  
R. Newby

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Keith called this morning and stated that the Billings woman, who had been in telephonic conversation with "Frisco Dutch" at St. Paul some time ago, had been thoroughly interviewed and had admitted that she was acquainted with Banks, Pfifer and "Frisco Dutch", and other known gangsters at St. Paul, although it does not appear that she is familiar with their activities, though she did suspect that they were engaged in some illegal activities; that she at one time was employed as an entertainer in some of the night clubs at St. Paul; that continued questioning of the woman disclosed that she had met on several occasions at one of these night clubs Virginia Garey, secretary to Mr. Otto Bremer. Mr. Keith stated that he was preparing a report on the interview with this woman which would immediately be forwarded to Mr. Rorer at St. Paul.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/20/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/6/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>K. R. McINTIRE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Investigation conducted at the home of Will Shaw, Whitewater, Wisconsin, in effort to locate hideout house. Results negative. In recent months there have been several strange cars, to-wit, Lincoln, Buick, and a Ford Sedan, in the vicinity of Whitewater, Wisconsin, all reported to have been driven by strangers. Said strangers reported to have been familiar with Ida and Iva Pitt of Whitewater, and also to have been seen by Leroy and Francis Shaw of Whitewater. Neither the Pitt sisters nor the Shaw brothers were able to satisfactorily identify any of the strangers as any of the suspects in this case.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4/5/34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The information contained herein is disclosed in the form of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent R. D. Brown as follows:</p>			
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HIDEOUT

On April 6, 1934, Special Agents R. D. Brown and J. J. Metcalfe, of the Chicago Division Office, conducted the following investigation at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Walworth, Wisconsin County Attorney R. V. Brown called the St. Paul Division Office on April 5, 1934 and advised that he thought he had located the Bremer hideout at Whitewater, Wisconsin; that he had information indicating that the home of Will Shaw, Wisconsin Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin, was possibly the place where Bremer was held.

On 4/6/34 this Agent (R. D. Brown), accompanied by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe proceeded to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, where Attorney Brown was interviewed, at which time he advised that he had obtained information to the effect that the wallpaper had recently been removed from some of the rooms located at the Will Shaw home, and that new wallpaper had been added; that the Shaws were suspicious persons due to the fact that they were once in the bootlegging business at Whitewater several years ago, and had left Whitewater and then returned during the fall of 1933 after having been in California for two or three years. He also stated that two of the Shaw boys, Leroy and Francis, had recently been arrested, and upon pleas of guilty, sentenced to three and four years respectively in the Wisconsin State Reformatory at Waupun, Wisconsin, on charges of rape of two sixteen year old girls.

Special Agent Metcalfe and this Agent, accompanied by Attorney Brown, proceeded to Whitewater, Wisconsin, which is located eighteen miles northeast of Elkhorn, and entered the Shaw home under the pretext that liquor was being sold there in violation of existing laws, under the advice of Attorney Brown.

The Will Shaw home has no steps leading down into a first floor, where there are living quarters and the only entrances are on the ground level. The basement contains two rooms, which are unoccupied, one of them being used as a furnace room, in which there is a medium sized furnace located, which uses coal as fuel, and the other room is a storage room for fruit, old bottles and trash. On the floor above the basement there is located a large kitchen containing a gas stove, through which the house may be entered from the outside. The room adjacent to the kitchen is a large dining room, and from this dining room one may walk to the left into a small bedroom

containing a bed with iron postars, a chest of drawers and a chair. There is no carpet on the floor. In order to enter the toilet from this room, one must walk from the room straight across through the dining room into the toilet. The door to the toilet opens into the toilet room. Nothing is located in the toilet room other than the toilet and a small case on the wall. There is no rug covering the toilet floor. The water box and bowl of the toilet equipment is of porcelain, the seat and cover are of wood. The flushing button is of a black bakelite material and from outward appearances seems to be a new one, which has been recently installed. However, upon examination, after taking the top off the water box, Agent discovered that apparently this flushing button had been on for some time due to the fact that it was slightly rusted around the threads holding the flushing lever in place. Mrs. Will Shaw, who was in the house at the time, was casually questioned as to the new equipment in the house, and she stated the toilet had been in the house approximately two years, and that no changes had been made in the equipment since that time, to her knowledge. Agent was careful not to mention the fact that the flushing lever appeared to be from the outside a new one.

From the large dining room, which contained a large round table and several chairs, one could pass through a large door into a medium sized living room, being about twelve feet square. Upon entering the living room, directly to the left one may enter another small bedroom. In order to get to the toilet from this bedroom one must pass through a portion of the living room into the dining room and turn right into the toilet. This particular bedroom is equipped similarly to the bedroom aforementioned. The wallpaper on the living room and kitchen wall, within a week before Agents' visit to the home, had been changed. Agent obtained pieces of the old wallpaper that had been taken off, and it did not have a design similar to the design described by Mr. Bremer. The new wallpaper appearing on the walls of the rooms at the present time is in no way similar. While Agent Metcalfe was examining other rooms of the house, Agent Brown closed the door to the kitchen and was able to pull away a portion of the new paper, and underneath could see a portion of the old wallpaper, and it was the same paper that was examined by Agent said to have been taken off the walls of the rooms before they had been repapered. Neither of the aforementioned bedrooms had been repapered, and the paper was quite dirty, and had cobwebs in the corners, which appeared to have been there for some months.

There is an upper floor accessible by stairs from the living room, which lead to a large room. This room might be described as an attic because of the tapering ceiling, and covers only the living room and dining room, this room being only a portion of the second floor. There is no room located above the bedroom first described. The second floor is poorly furnished, having two beds, a dresser and three chairs. There is no toilet on the second floor, the toilet before described being the only toilet in the house. There is no bath tub located in the house.

There is a radio located in the living room, but according to Mrs. Will Shaw the same has been out of order since shortly after Christmas. There is no vacuum cleaner in the home, and Mrs. Shaw claims she has never had one since living there. From all appearances Mrs. Shaw believed the purpose of the examination of her house was an attempt to find liquor being illegally sold, and she appeared quite hostile because of the examination of her house, although she indicated she was willing for the examination to be made.

It will be noted from the above that the general layout of the first floor of this home is quite similar to the layout of the hideout as described by Mr. Bremer. However, the second floor of the house extends only over the dining room and the living room, and there are no steps leading down into the first floor living quarters, there being no living quarters in the basement.

Mrs. Shaw advised she has two sons, Leroy and Francis, who had recently been arrested on charges of rape of the sixteen year old Pitt sisters, who have been sentenced to the Wisconsin Industrial Home for Girls, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Attorney Brown advised that Leroy and Francis were at that time incarcerated in the Walworth County Jail at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, and had given some information indicating that strange men had been seen going out with the Pitt sisters, and that they had immoral relations with these men for money during weekends at a point thought to be near Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Leroy and Francis Shaw were both interviewed by this Agent and Agent Metcalfe in the Walworth County Jail in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, and both complained that they had by trickery been induced to plead guilty to charges of rape on the two Pitt sisters, Ida and Iva. Francis Shaw advised he had been sentenced to serve one to three years in the

Wisconsin State Reformatory at Waupun, Wisconsin, on this charge and Leroy Shaw advised he had been sentenced to serve one to four years on this charge. The latter advised that the Pitt sisters are twins and had thought them to be twenty-one years of age, whereas they are but sixteen. Leroy Shaw advised he is married and has a small baby, but does not live at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw, but resides on the same street in a house located four houses south.

Leroy Shaw, when questioned concerning other men the Pitt sisters had been familiar with, stated that some time in January, the approximate date of which he could not furnish, he first saw a large Lincoln Sedan bearing five men drive up Wisconsin Street and over Cemetery Hill and disappear. He later changed his story and stated this car was a new 1933 Buick Sedan, black in color, with a trunk rack in the rear. He advised he did not notice the license plates on this car. He later changed his story, stating that he saw the Buick Sedan, before mentioned, a Lincoln Sedan, black in color, and a Ford Model A Sedan at that time, all containing strange men, who made this trip. He advised that the next afternoon he saw the Buick Sedan again in Whitewater with only two men in the car, and that one of the men was wearing a chauffeur's uniform; that the men could have, in taking the road over Cemetery Hill which leads out from Wisconsin Street, gone to Green Lake which is located approximately five or six miles southeast of Whitewater. He stated that he saw this Buick Sedan three or four times after this, at which time it would sometimes have five men in the car, and at other times but two men. He stated that he thought he could describe the two men who were driving the Buick Sedan, and stated they were both very large men, weighing at least 200 lbs. each, and sometimes were dressed wearing caps, and sometimes with hats; that the time he saw the Buick Sedan containing two men, the one that wore the chauffeur's uniform wore a slouch cap with a regular chauffeur's cap bill dark in color, and that the man appeared to be about thirty-five years of age, had dark eyes, a dark complexion, unusually broad shoulders, and appeared to be a man who would weigh approximately 200 lbs. Agent carefully questioned Leroy as to the description of these two men, and he appeared to change his description each time.

Francis Shaw advised that he saw these men, or men who answered to the general descriptions of the men described by his brother Leroy but once, which was some time during the first part of March, when they called at his house on Wisconsin Street, which is the house where Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw reside, and which has been described before, at which time there were but two men in the car. They called and at-

tempted to induce the two Pitt sisters to go with them. He stated this was about two o'clock in the afternoon, and that the Pitt sisters did go with them, but he does not know where they went; that they took the road southeast on Wisconsin Street over the Cemetery Hill. During the same interview he retracted his statement and advised that they attempted to induce the Pitt sisters to go with them, but that they refused. He stated that the Pitt sisters were visiting at his home at that time, their father being the owner of the house.

Both Leroy and Francis Shaw then stated that the Pitt sisters once told them that they had spent a weekend out of town with some strange men, and that they had received \$10 from them, but they did not state where they had gone with these men; that they stated that these men would return for them and would take them on another weekend party, at which time they would receive \$10 more. They were unable to furnish any further information relative to this.

From the conversations had with Leroy and Francis Shaw it was Agent Metcalfe's and this Agent's opinion that they were attempting to defend themselves on the charges of rape placed against them in connection with these two girls; that they were of the opinion that the young girls were exceedingly loose in character and would go out with any men. Their story as to the strange men and strange cars, aforementioned, were exceedingly vague and Agents were unable to determine which account given by them was true.

The photographs of Subjects Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker were then shown to Francis and Leroy Shaw separately. Both noticed the letters "KSP" appeared on the photographs, and asked if that meant the Kansas State Penitentiary. Agent then informed them that these men were escaped prisoners from the Kansas State Penitentiary, and an attempt was being made to locate them. After carefully examining the photographs, Francis Shaw stated that none of the photographs bore a likeness of men whom he had seen other than that of Volney Davis. He examined this photograph carefully and stated that in his opinion this photograph was similar to one of the men who called at his house as was before related. He described this man as being unusually large, weighing approximately 190 lbs., tall and that he had square shoulders; that he was neatly dressed wearing dark clothes and a hat. He stated that he could not be sure of that.



identification, although he stated that it looked much like one of the men whom he had seen. He was unable to state whether this man was driving the car.

Leroy Shaw, after carefully examining the photographs, stated that the only one which looked like any of the strangers before mentioned was the photograph of Alvin Karpis; that this man appeared to him to be about twenty-six or twenty-seven years of age, 5'10" in height, weighed about 190 to 200 lbs., had a sallow complexion and a very piercing gaze. He stated this photograph did not resemble the man who was driving one of the cars, but appeared to resemble the one who was always sitting on the front seat of the Buick Sedan with the driver. He again stated that he had never seen any of these men previous to the time mentioned above.

At the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Agents interviewed Ida and Iva Pitt separately in the presence of the Superintendent of the home, Mrs. Alice Stenholm.

Mrs. Stenholm produced the records of these girls which showed that they had never been in any previous trouble, and that they are twins, having been born 5/18/18. Both sisters were carefully questioned as to persons they had kept company with during January, February and March of this year, and they stated that they had always gone out together, and that the only times that they have had dates and been seen in Whitewater, Wisconsin or the vicinity, where they resided, were the times that they had been out with Dewey Olson, Dwain Kyle, Clarence Schultz and Charles Pitt. They stated these men all lived in Whitewater or the vicinity. They later admitted having had immoral relations with these men at various times, and stated that they had also had immoral relations with Francis and Leroy Shaw. They stated that they had never received any money from them for going out with them, and that they had never spent a weekend or a night away from their home. Both appeared to be [redacted] and the Superintendent of the home, Mrs. Stenholm, advised that [redacted] these two girls indicated that [redacted] Both denied having kept company with strange men with large automobiles.

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The photographs of the Subjects, before mentioned, were then displayed to each of the sisters separately, and Iva Pitt picked out the photograph of Subject Harry Campbell and stated: "Why, this is Arnold Schultz." She described Schultz as being about thirty-five years of age, about 5'10" in height and weighing about 180 lbs. She stated Schultz resides in Whitewater and operates a milk route. She was unable to state his place of residence in Whitewater and advised she used to meet him at the City Hall when having dates with him. She closely examined the other photographs and stated she had never seen any of these men before, or any persons looking like them.

Ida Pitt was then shown the pictures and stated that none of them resembled any men she had ever been out with and or had ever seen.

The reaction of these two girls when examining these photographs was carefully noted and they did not, from their facial expressions, appear to recognize any of them other than the identification by Iva Pitt of the photograph of Harry Campbell, whom she stated looked like Arnold Schultz of Whitewater.

Mrs. Stenholm advised she will have further conversations with the girls from time to time and if anything develops indicating that they were withholding information, she will advise the Chicago Division Office.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO.

7-45

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-19-34 4-2-34	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Wynn
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Of 54 pairs of the particular type "Oescon" goggles sold in Cincinnati District, 18 pairs accounted for in possession of individuals; 31 pairs appear to be beyond possibilities of tracing; 1 pair sold at Shenandoah, Iowa, to be traced by Kansas City Office; 4 pairs merit further investigation.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-13-34.			
DETAILS: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  Mr. William R. Barten, Sutton Gatten Company, furnished the following disposition of the goggles received by his company. Those marked * have been traced by agent as being accounted for in the possession of the purchaser.			
DATE SOLD	PURCHASER	NUMBER	
December, 1931	Indianapolis Water Co.	2 pairs *	
April, 1932	Service Garage, Inc., Martinsville, Ind.	1 " *	
May, 1932	Welding Supply Co., Kuncie, Ind.	1 "	
May, 1932	Frey Bros., Indianapolis, Ind.	2 "	
May, 1932	Shenandoah Welding Co., Shenandoah, Iowa.	1 "	
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1727	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 23 1934
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DATE SOLD	PURCHASER	NUMBER
March, 1932	Challenge Gauge & Tool Co., Indianapolis, Ind.	1 pair
March, 1932	Roach Machine Welding, Linton, Ind.	1 "
	In Stock	8 "
	In use in shop	1 "
	Unable to account for	6 "

Mr. Harry Freyn, Freyn Bros. Plumbing Co., 1028 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind., advised, after checking his records, that he had no record of having purchased the goggles; very little welding done by the company; only welder in employ in May, 1932, Ted Lehr, who is now working on a job for the firm at the Narcotic Hospital, Lexington, Ky. Recheck at Sutton Garten established that this was a cash sale; often men employed by a firm will make individual cash purchases and give the name of the firm by which employed hoping to obtain discounts on the purchases; in such cases sales recorded in the name of the firm.

W. S. Brant, Indiana Oxygen Co., 435 S. Delaware St., after having a search of records made, advised it was impossible to account for the disposition of the goggles.

AT MUNCIE, INDIANA

Thomas R. Williams, Welding Supply Company, no longer located at Muncie, Ind. Now reported as residing 709 E. 25th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

AT EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Dr. George Ridgeway, Ridgeway Optical Co., 213 Main St., Evansville, has only one pair of goggles in stock answering the description; however, they are not equipped with Essentialite lens. No records to indicate to whom three pairs sold, and has no personal recollection, nor does any of his assistants or clerks.

AT PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

Records of J. G. Warnecke, storekeeper, I. C. R.R., indicate regular purchases of goggles from Chicago Eye Shield Co.; however, all purchase orders specify #525 M&L Ventilated Type Essentialite goggles. No purchase record could be located specifying #524 type; no goggles latter type in stock.

E. C. Roddie, Shop Superintendent, and R. R. Royal Master Mechanic, accompanied agent to various departments of the shops, contacting the foremen, who made a canvas of the men working, and located two pairs of #524 type with Essentialite lens, and one pair with white lens. Shop employs 1500 men at full production; now employs about 600 men; no way of tracing a particular type goggle to a particular individual, inasmuch as issuing records merely specify goggles, without designating the type.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Shenandoah, Iowa. Conduct investigation at Shenandoah Welding Company, as requested in report of reference.

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Indianapolis, Indiana. Conduct necessary investigation with reference to goggles possession of Thomas R. Williams, 709 E. 25th Street.

At Lexington, Ky. Conduct investigation at the Narcotic Hospital, ascertaining from Ted Lehr, welder for Freyn Bros., Company, any information which may be of value in tracing the goggles which evidently were sold by Sutton Garten, Indianapolis, Ind., to employees of Freyn Bros.

At Kokomo, Ind. Investigation as requested in reference report.

PENDING

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

April 20, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

With reference to Director's letter of April 12, 1934, there are transmitted herewith all the photographs of individuals selected from the single fingerprint file of the Division which were forwarded to this office with Division letters dated February 13, 17, and 23, 1934.

It is respectfully requested that this office be furnished a supply of ten each of the following photographs which are set out in Division letter dated February 17, 1934, above referred to:

K-1954 - Peter Valder  
K-2200 - Lawrence M. Barton alias O'Keefe alias  
Barker alias Lawrence Barker.  
K-2246 - Isadore Blumenfeld alias "Kid Can".

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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April 26, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Clegg,  
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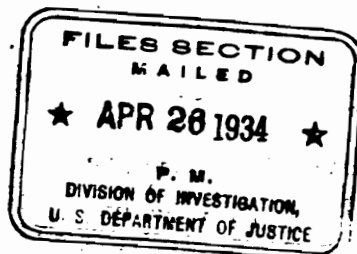
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Inspector Rorer's letter of April 20, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 7218, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping. In accordance with the request made there are transmitted herewith ten photographs of each of the following individuals:

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Very truly yours,

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